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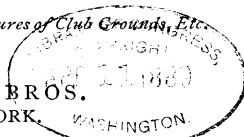
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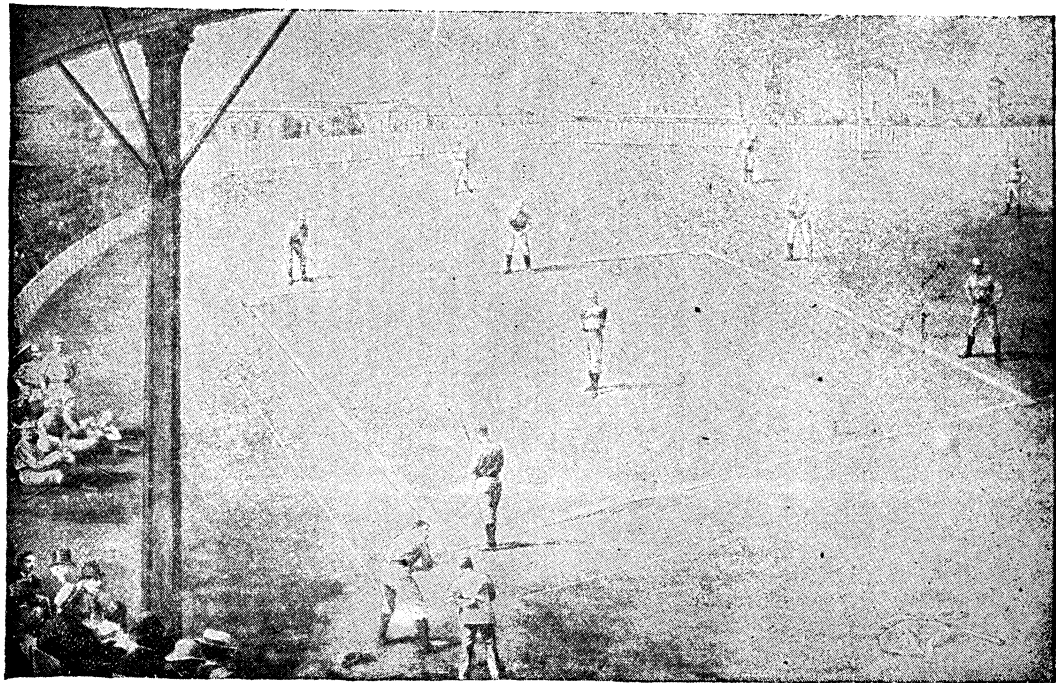
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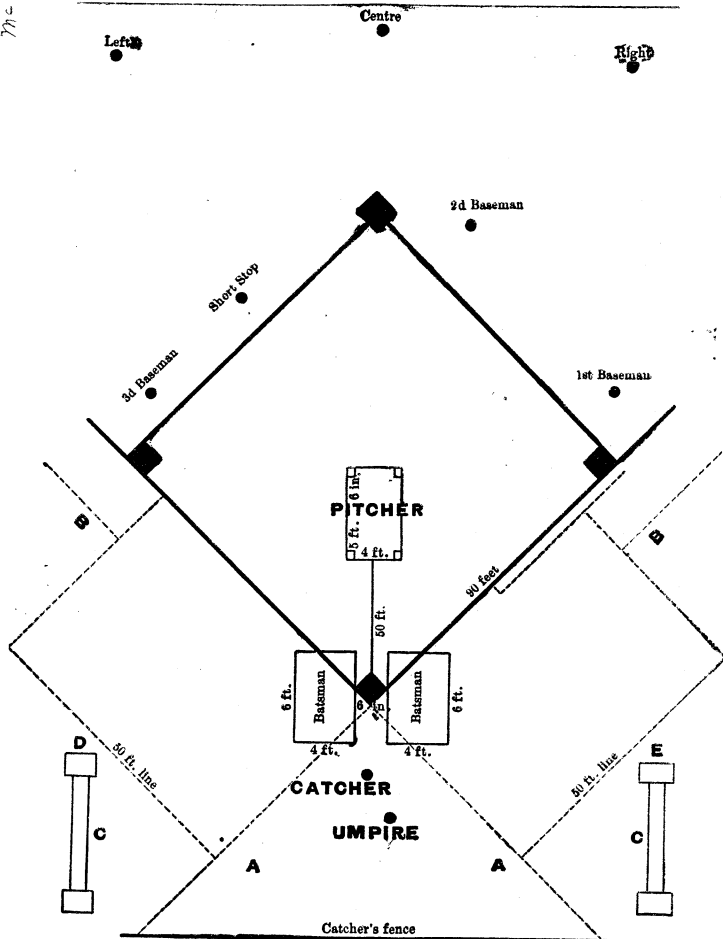
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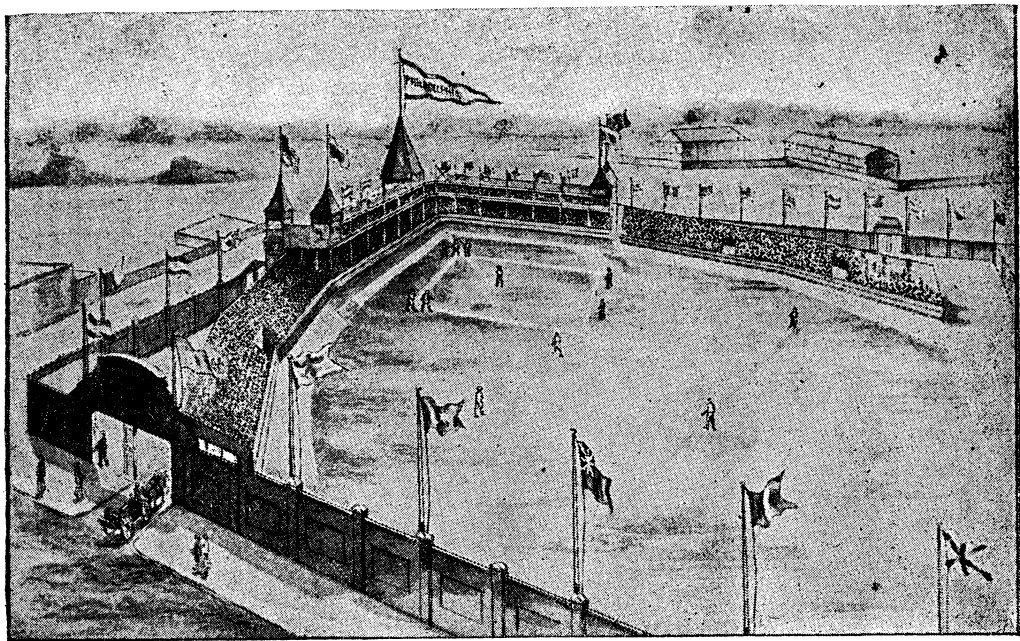
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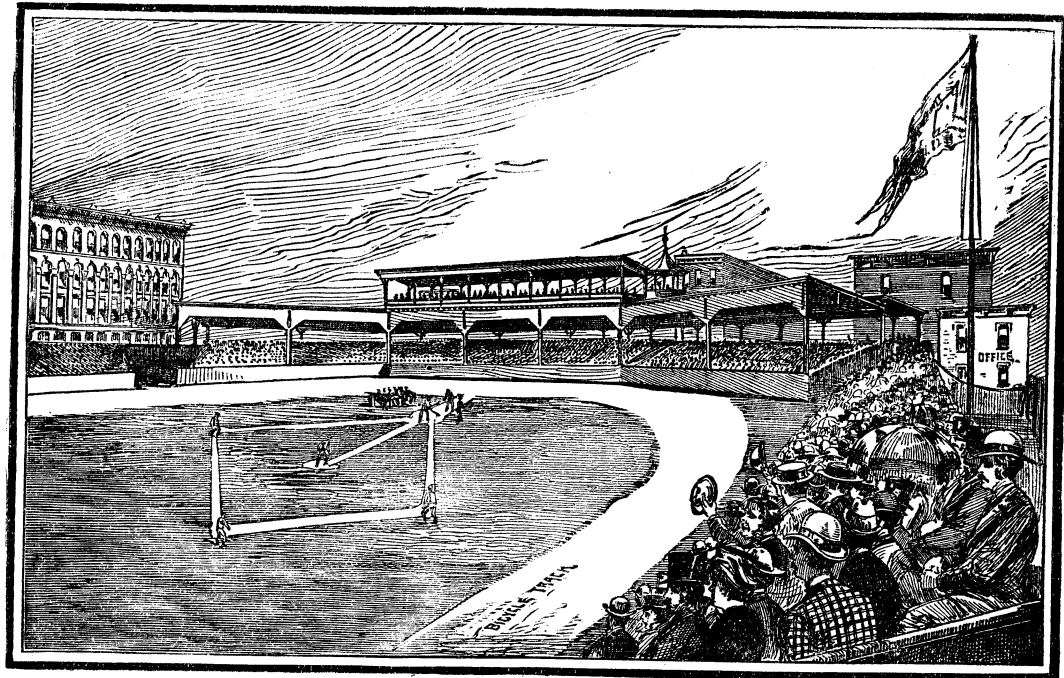
## PREFACE.

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The publishers of "Spalding's Base Ball Guide" present to the fraternity in the GUIDE for 1889, the model baseball annual of the period; the thirteenth annual edition of the work being in every respect the most complete baseball GUIDE ever issued. Exceeding as it does every other book of the kind in size—over two hundred pages of reading matter—as also in its new feature of pictorial illustrations, it presents an epitome of the professional history of the game for 1888, unequaled by any other work of the kind previously published. In fact, the GUIDE for 1889 has been made to conform to the very exceptional year of important events its chapters record—a year which will be remembered for a long time to come as fruitful of the most noteworthy occurrences known in the annals of our national game.

The prominent features of the GUIDE for 1889 are the complete record of the pitching in the League and American championship contests; the instructive chapters on "the lessons of the campaign," then on "team work;" the analyses of the play in the world's championship series of contests; the new tables showing the figures of the campaigns of the past eighteen years, and especially the explanatory appendix or chapter of official instructions to umpires and captains.

The great size of the GUIDE precludes the possibility of including the games record of the League campaign, as also other records of League legislation, etc., and these will be found in the "Official League Book," which contains only official League matter as furnished by Secretary Young, including the League Constitution in full.



CHICAGO GROUNDS.

## INTRODUCTION.

The American national game of base ball has reached a period in its history, when it no longer needs to be referred to as a field exercise, calling for particular mention of its peculiar merits. It is now the established favorite game of ball of the American people, and occupies a position in public estimation which no other field sport in vogue approaches. The game has attained its present position of popularity, not only from its adaptability to our peculiar national characteristics, as regards its possession of special points of attraction; but also from its value as a field sport which presents sufficient excitement in itself to draw thousands of spectators, without the extrinsic aid of betting as its chief point of interest, the latter attraction being something which pertains to nearly every other popular sport. Then, too, it should be borne in mind that base ball first taught us Americans the value of physical exercise as an important aid to perfect work in cultivating the mind up to its highest point. It is to the introduction of base ball as a national pastime, in fact, that the growth of athletic sports in general in popularity is largely due; and the game pointed out to the mercantile community of our large cities that "all work and no play" is the most costly policy they can pursue, both in regard to the advantages to their own health, and in the improvement in the work of their employes, the combination of work and play judiciously, yielding results in better work and more satisfactory service than was possible under the old rule. Thus, the game has acted like a lever in lifting into public favor all athletic sports.

A great deal is said about the special attraction of this and that leading sport of the day. The turfman thinks there is nothing approaching the excitement of a horse race, which from the start to the finish occupies but a few minutes of time. The rower regards a three mile "shell" race as the very acme of sporting pleasures; while the yachtsman looks upon all other contests as of trifling importance compared with that ending in the winning of his club regatta cup; and so on through the whole category of sports of the field, the forest and the river. But if any one can present to us a sport or pastime, a race or a contest, which can in all its essentials of stirring excitement, displays of manly courage, nerve and endurance, and its unwearying scenes of skillful play and alternations of success equal our national game of ball, we should like to see it.

What can present a more attractive picture to the lover of outdoor sports than the scene presented at a base ball match between two trained professional teams competing for championship honors, in which every point of play is so well looked after in the field, that it is only by some extra display of skill at the bat, that a single run is obtained in a full nine innings game? If it is considered, too, that base ball is a healthy, recreative exercise, suitable for all classes of our people, there can be no surprise that such a game should reach the unprecedented popularity it has.

## THE PROFESSIONAL SEASON OF 1888.

The season of 1888, in the professional arena, was marked by several events which placed it on record as the most noteworthy, known in the thirteen years' history of the National League. In the first place it was the inaugural year of the grand movement made by the President of the Chicago Club, to extend the popularity of our national game beyond the American continent; an event which exhibited the characteristic energy, pluck, liberality and business enterprise of Mr. Spalding, in a very marked manner; the grand success which the venture met with being a well merited reward for the large financial outlay which he incurred in the experiment. Secondly, the struggle for the championship of the League, resulting as it did in the success of the New York club, gave to the East a lead in the pennant races which they had not held since 1884, when the Providence club won the championship, Chicago having held the honors in 1885 and 1886, and Detroit in 1887. The past season, too, excelled all previous years in the vast assemblages of spectators who were gathered at the grounds of the prominent clubs on holiday occasions; as also in the immense aggregate of people who patronized the professional contests of the year. It was also an exceptional year in regard to the close and exciting contest for the League pennant, between the four leading clubs of that organization; and at the end of the championship season the sequel of the contest for the base ball championship of the world finished off the campaign of 1888, in a manner that greatly added to the honors won by the victorious League club from New York. The contest for the American Association championship was also one of the interesting events of the season, and one, too, which taught aspiring clubs a lesson which they can well profit by; and that is, that success in championship contests is due far more to able management, competent captaining, and thorough team work, than to the gathering together of the strongest of star players in a club team. In the League, in this respect, while the Boston club had invested, at great financial cost, in securing the services of noted star players, the Chicago club, though weakened by the release of players from their team who had done yeoman service in their ranks for years, were yet able to excel the picked team of star players of the Boston club, simply by superiority in handling those they had left to them. In the Association arena, too, a similar condition of things prevailed in the case of the St. Louis and Brooklyn clubs, the costly investment of the Brooklyn club for new players, only enabling them to reach second place in the pennant race, while the "weakened" (?) St. Louis team, by better concerted work together, were enabled to

break the record by capturing the Association pennant for the fourth successive season, something only equaled by the Boston club under the reign of the old National Association in 1872, '73, '74, and '75.

An event of the season of 1888, also, was the widening the sphere of professional club operations in the United States, by the inauguration of the Texas League, which, though not as successful as desired in its first year, nevertheless opened up a new and large territory for the occupation of the professional clubs. Closing too, as the year did with a commendable movement on the part of the League legislators to regulate the salary system so as to get rid of several costly abuses; it may be justly said that in no year since professional ball playing was officially recognized, was there so much done to promote the welfare of the national game as during the season of 1888.

The summary record of the season's work of the several professional Leagues and Association prominent during the season of 1888, is as follows:

LEAGUES.	Champion Club.	Games Played.	Per Cent. of Victories.	Number of Clubs.	
				Began the Season.	Ended the Season.
National League .....	New York.....	532	.641	8	8
American Association. ....	St. Louis.....	540	.681	8	8
International Association.....	Syracuse.....	433	.718	8	8
Western Association.....	Des Moines.....	458	.648	8	7
Central League.....	Newark.....	466	.783	8	7
Southern League.....	Birmingham.....	101	.620	4	4
New England League. ....	Lowell.....	209	.566	7	4
California League.....	Stockton.....	268	.615	4	4
Texas League.....	Dallas.....	146	.660	6	4
Tri-State League.....	Lima.....	538	.701	10	10

### THE LEAGUE'S PENNANT RACE OF 1888.

The championship campaign of the League for 1888 began on April 20, with the customary home games between the eight clubs, each in its respective section, the New York team opening the season at Washington, and the Bostons at Philadelphia; while in the West Detroit opened at Pittsburg, and the Chicagos at Indianapolis, the winning clubs being New York, Boston, Pittsburg and Chicago. By the end of the first week of the campaign Boston was in the van without a defeat being charged to them, while every other club had suffered at least one defeat, Boston leading in the race, followed by Chicago, New York, Pittsburg, Detroit, Indianapolis, Washington and Philadelphia the latter suffering

from the great drawback of the death of their best player Ferguson, a loss which handicapped them all through the season. By the end of the first week in May the contest had assumed quite an interesting phase in one respect, and that was the remarkable success of the Boston team, which, up to May 2 had won every championship game they had played, the record on May 4 leaving them in the van. By May 5, however, Chicago pulled up even with them, the two teams standing with a record of 11 victories and 2 defeats each, and a percentage of .862 at the close of the third week of the spring campaign. In the meantime Philadelphia had rallied and had pulled up to seventh place, and Detroit had overhauled Pittsburg, Indianapolis falling into the last ditch. By the end of May quite a change had been made in the relative position of the eight clubs, Chicago having gone to the front and Boston to second position, while Detroit had moved up to third place, and New York had fallen back to fourth; while Philadelphia had worked up well and had got into fifth position, Pittsburg having made a bad tumble to sixth place, leaving Indianapolis and Washington to bring up the rear.

The month of June saw more changes in the positions of all of the eight clubs except Chicago and Philadelphia, the former having tenaciously held on to first place since the last week in April; while Philadelphia steadily remained a good fifth. Boston, however, fell off badly in the running, the second week in June seeing, them down to fourth place; while by June 9 Detroit had got into second place, and was running Chicago a close race. During the last of May New York had got down to fourth position; but in the first week of June they had rallied and resumed third place; but the next week saw them fall back again, while Boston rallied back to third position. By the end of June the eight clubs occupied the following relative positions in the race. Chicago held the lead, with Detroit second, Boston third, New York fourth, Philadelphia fifth, Pittsburg sixth, with Indianapolis and Washington as the two tail enders.

July proved to be the most important month of the season's race, as it was in this month that the New York team was effectually rallied under the personal influence of Mr. John B. Day, who from that time out took personal cognizance of the doings of the "Giants." The first week in July saw the New York team drive Boston out of third place, while Pittsburg, for the time being, was forced to occupy seventh position, Indianapolis leading them for a week in July. During the last week in July, Chicago— which club had held the lead consecutively from May 5 to July 23—took a bad tumble, and fell back to third position, while New York and Detroit stood tied for a few days for first place, until Chicago rallied, and then the Detroits were driven back; the end of July leaving New York in the van, with Detroit second, Chicago



third, Boston and Philadelphia close together in fourth and fifth positions, while Pittsburg, Indianapolis, and Washington occupied the rear positions. It was now that the race began to be intensely interesting. The steady play of the New York team gave a new feature to the contest, and it now began to be a nip and tuck fight between the "Giants" and the Chicagos for first place, with Detroit close to them as a good third. August saw the steadiest running of the season in the race, but few changes being made in the relative positions of the contestants, the last week of the month seeing New York in the van, Chicago second, Detroit third, Boston fourth, Philadelphia fifth, and Pittsburg, Washington and Indianapolis in the rear.

The promise for an exciting close of the campaign loomed up very bright in September, and during that month, while New York and Chicago still retained their leading positions, Boston temporarily rallied, and got into third place for a week; but Detroit pushed them back, while Philadelphia began to rally for a closing dash for one of the three leading positions. At the close of September the record left New York in the van, with the assurance of a successful termination of the campaign for the "Giants," while the struggle for second place between Chicago, Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia greatly added to the excitement of the closing month of the campaign. Chicago held on to second place, and Philadelphia, which club on September 29 stood in fifth place rallied brilliantly in October, and drove Boston to fourth place and Detroit to fifth, Boston having occupied fifth place on the 6th of October, Pittsburg, Indianapolis and Washington finally bringing up the rear.

A feature of the campaign was the fact that at no time after May was it doubtful in regard to the position of Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and Washington as the three tail-enders of the race. But for this the campaign would have been the most brilliant on record. As it was, however, the contest for the three leading positions by the other five clubs made it exceedingly interesting throughout, New York's final success giving a new impetus to the succeeding campaign of 1889.

### THE STATISTICS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

During the League championship season of 1888 an aggregate of 552 games were played, of which 530 were victories and defeats; and 22 were drawn games, and two were won by forfeit. Of the 552 games played and won, no less than 432 were won by single figure scores, and but 98 by double figures. A noteworthy feature of the campaign was, that while the New York Club won the championship by 84 victories to Chicago's 77, with but 47 defeats to Chicago's 58, they failed to score as many runs in the aggregate as the Chicago Club did. by 659 to 725, the Chicago's major-

ity of runs being 66. The New York Club's score of runs, in fact, was exceeded by Detroit, Boston, and even Indianapolis, the latter's aggregate of runs being 666.

Below will be found a complete summary of the statistics of the League campaign of 1888:

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.
Victories.....	84	77	69	70	68	66	50	48
Defeats.....	47	58	61	64	63	68	85	86
Drawn Games.....	7	1	1	3	3	4	1	2
Total Games Played.....	138	135	131	137	134	138	136	136
Won by Forfeit.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lost by Forfeit.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Per Cent. of Victories.....	.641	.570	.531	.522	.519	.493	.370	.358
Series Won.....	5	4	2	2	3	2	1	0
Series Lost.....	1	1	2	2	1	1	6	5
Series Tied.....	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Series Unfinished.....	6	4	6	4	5	3	3	5
Chicago Victories.....	19	13	16	7	10	13	6	6
Chicago Defeats.....	3	9	7	13	5	10	11	23
Home Victories.....	44	43	37	34	41	38	31	26
Home Defeats.....	23	26	31	29	26	30	35	38
Victories Abroad.....	40	34	32	36	27	28	19	22
Defeats Abroad.....	24	32	30	31	37	39	50	48
Extra Innings Victories.....	2	1	8	0	3	6	3	0
Extra Innings Defeats.....	2	1	3	8	6	0	5	4
Single Figure Victories.....	70	55	62	58	50	57	37	44
Single Figure Defeats.....	44	45	55	49	51	58	67	65
Double Figure Victories.....	13	22	6	12	18	9	13	4
Double Figure Defeats.....	4	12	6	15	12	10	18	21
Batting Average.....	.249	.247	.229	.240	.243	.223	.233	.207
Fielding Average.....	.918	.906	.919	.904	.916	.914	.904	.899
Highest Score in Games.....	19	21	17	20	18	14	15	22
Worst Defeat.....	1-11	0-14	1-14	0-13	2-12	1-16	0-13	0-14
Won by One Run.....	21	18	28	16	10	10	12	12
Lost by One Run.....	12	7	16	21	19	16	28	17
Total Runs Scored.....	639	725	536	669	716	531	666	482

The following is the record of the single figure victories scored in the League championship arena in 1888:

SINGLE FIGURE VICTORIES.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Pittsburg.	Chicago.	Detroit.	Washington.	Indianapolis.	Victories.
New York.....	12	10	8*	11	11	13	10	11	70
Philadelphia.....	4	9	15	15	7	9	10	10	62
Boston.....	9	9	9	9	6	12	9	9	53
Pittsburg.....	7	8	7	...	8	8	13	13	57

SINGLE FIGURE VICTORIES	New York.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Pittsburg.	Chicago.	Detroit.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Victories.
Chicago .....	11	7	8	6	...	7	6	10	55
Detroit .....	5	8	6	6	9	...	9	6	56
Washington .....	3	8	5	5	5	6	...	6	44
Indianapolis .....	5	4	4	5	5	6	8	...	37
Defeats .....	43	55	49	58	45	51	65	67	433

\* One victory scored by New York was from a forfeited game charged against the Pittsburg team as 9 to 0.

The following is the record of the double figure victories scored by the eight League clubs in the championship arena in 1888:

DOUBLE FIGURE VICTORIES.	Chicago.	Detroit.	New York.	Indianapolis.	Boston.	Pittsburg.	Philadelphia.	Washington.	Victories.
Chicago .....	...	3	0	4	4	3	1	7	22
Detroit .....	1	...	2	5	2	4	2	2	16
New York .....	3	0	...	3	2	1	2	2	13
Indianapolis .....	1	2	0	...	5	1	0	4	13
Boston .....	2	4	0	2	...	1	0	2	12
Pittsburg .....	3	2	0	1	1	...	2	2	9
Philadelphia .....	1	0	1	3	1	0	...	1	7
Washington .....	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	...	4
Defeats .....	12	12	4	18	15	10	6	21	89

The following table presents the figures of the *series* of games won and lost in the League championship arena in 1888. The letters "W" and "L" indicate games won and lost:

	New York.	Ch ago.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Series Won.	Series Lost.	Series Tied.
	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.			
New York...	...	S. 11	11 7.	10 7	14 5.	12 8.	14 5.	15. 4	5	1	0
Chicago.....	11. 8	...	10. 10	9. 11	8. 10	12. 7	14. 6	13. 6	4	1	1
Detroit.....	7. 11	10. 10	...	10. 10	11. 7	8. 10	11. 8	11. 8	3	1	2
Pittsburg....	7. 10	1. 9	10. 10	...	6. 11	8. 10	14. 6	10. 9	2	1	1
Philadelphia.	8. 14	10. 8	7. 11	14. 6	...	10. 9	13. 4	10. 9	2	2	0
Boston.....	8. 12	7. 12	10. 8	10. 8	9. 10	...	11. 9	15. 9	2	2	0
Indianapolis.	5. 11	6. 14	8. 11	6. 14	4. 13	9. 11	...	12. 9	1	5	0
Washington.	4. 15	6. 13	7. 11	9. 10	9. 10	5. 15	8. 12	...	0	5	0

# THE "CHICAGO" GAMES OF 1888.

The record of the "Chicago" games—or games in which the defeated team did not score a single run—in the League championship series of 1888 is appended:

	New York.	Philadelphia.	Chicago.	Pittsburg.	Detroit.	Boston.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Victories.
New York.....	....	1	2	4	3	1	3	6	19
Philadelphia.....	0	....	3	6	1	4	0	2	16
Chicago.....	1	1	....	3	1	2	1	4	13
Pittsburg.....	1	2	1	....	0	2	4	3	13
Detroit.....	0	1	2	1	....	2	1	3	10
Boston.....	1	0	0	3	0	....	1	2	7
Indianapolis.....	0	0	1	0	1	1	....	3	6
Washington.....	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	....	6
Defeats.....	3	7	9	19	5	13	11	23	90

## EXTRA INNINGS GAMES.

The record of the victories and defeats scored by the eight League Clubs in extra innings games in the championship series of 1888 was as follows:

Date.	Contesting Clubs.	Cities.	Pitchers.	In's	Scr.
Sept. 1	Philadelphia v. Wash'n	Philadelph'a	Sanders.....Widner	12	2-0
July 30	" v. Boston.	Boston.....	Buffinton....Sanders	11	4-3
July 31	" v. "	Boston.....	Sanders....Clarkson	11	6-5
Sept. 22	" v. In'polis	Indiana'olis	Sanders.....Healy	11	6-5
May 26	" v. Boston.	Boston.....	Buffinton....Madden	10	1-0
Aug. 11	" v. Detroit.	Philadelph'a	Casey.....Getzein	10	1-0
Aug. 13	" v. In'polis	Philadelph'a	Buffinton...Burdick	10	2-1
Aug. 9	" v. Detroit	Philadelph'a	Casey.....Getzein	10	6-5
April 20	Pittsburg v. Detroit...	Pittsburg..	Morris.....Getzein	12	5-2
Aug. 1	" v. Chicago...	Chicago...	Galvin.....Baldwin	12	6-4
Sept. 21	" v. Boston...	Pittsburg...	Morris....Radbourn	10	2-1
Sept. 3	" v. Indianap's	Indiana'olis	Morris.....Healy	10	5-4
Sept. 4	" v. "	Indiana'olis	Galvin....Boyle	10	5-4
May 10	" v. Boston...	Pittsburg...	Morris....Clarkson	10	11-10
June 28	Boston v. Washington.	Boston.....	Sowders.....O'Day	14	9-7
Aug. 15	" v. Detroit.....	Boston.....	Radbourn...Beatn	12	4-3
April 21	" v. Washington..	Washingt'n	Clarkson....O'Day	11	1-0
June 10	" v. New York...	Washingt'n	Sowders....Keefe	11	8-7
April 30	" v. "	New York.	Clarkson....Welch	10	4-3
April 28	" v. Washington.	Washingt'n	Sowders....Daily	10	4-3
July 30	Indianapolis v. Detroit.	Detroit....	Burdick....Getzein	11	6-5
July 31	" v. "	Detroit....	Healy....Conway	11	7-5
July 6	" v. Ph'd'phia	Indian'polis	Boyle.....Casey	11	9-8
June 8	Detroit v. Boston.....	Boston.....	Getzein....Clarkson	16	11-5
May 12	" v. Philadelphia	Detroit....	Conway....Gleason	12	3-1
July 2	" v. Indianapolis.	Indian'polis	Conway.....Healy	12	4-3
July 24	New York v. Boston...	New York.	Welch.....Madden	13	6-3
July 28	" v. Ph'd'phia	New York.	Keefe.....Sanders	10	4-2
June 6	Chicago v. Boston.....	Boston.....	VanHalt'n,Radb'rne	10	3-2

## DRAWN GAMES.

Date.	Contesting Clubs.	Cities.	Pitchers.	Innings	Score.
April 23	New York v. Was'ngt'n	Washingt'n	Welch.....O'Day	13	1- 1
Aug. 13	Chicago v. New York	New York	Baldwin.....Welch	12	5- 5
Sept. 3	Philadelphia v. N. York	New York	Sanders.....Keefe	11	6- 6
May 15	New York v. Pittsburg	Pittsburg..	Keefe.....Galvin	11	3- 3
Aug. 8	Pittsburg v. Boston ..	Boston.....	Morris.....Sowders	11	3- 3
Sept. 28	Detroit v. New York...	New York.	Gruber.....Titcomb	10	2- 2

The following is the record of the victories scored by the eight League Clubs on home grounds in the championship arena during 1888:

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Games Won.
New York.....	...	4	8	5	6	6	7	8	44
Chicago.....	6	...	4	5	5	4	9	9	43
Philadelphia.....	4	4	...	3	5	7	9	8	37
Boston.....	3	4	1	...	6	6	6	8	34
Detroit.....	4	5	8	5	...	7	8	6	41
Pittsburg.....	3	6	2	6	7	...	6	6	38
Indianapolis.....	3	5	3	5	4	4	...	7	31
Washington.....	1	4	4	3	4	5	5	...	26
Games Lost.....	24	32	30	34	37	39	50	48	294

The record of victories on opponent's grounds is as follows:

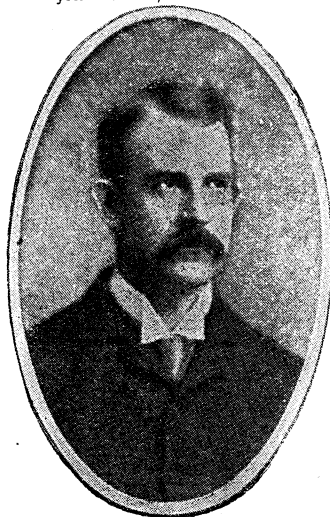
	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Games Won.
New York.....	...	4	6	7	5	4	7	7	40
Chicago.....	5	...	4	5	5	5	5	5	34
Philadelphia.....	1	6	...	5	2	8	4	5	32
Boston.....	5	3	8	...	4	4	5	7	36
Detroit.....	3	5	3	3	...	3	5	5	27
Pittsburg.....	4	5	4	2	3	...	6	4	28
Indianapolis.....	2	1	1	4	4	2	...	5	19
Washington.....	3	2	5	2	3	4	3	...	22
Games Lost.....	23	26	31	29	26	30	35	38	238



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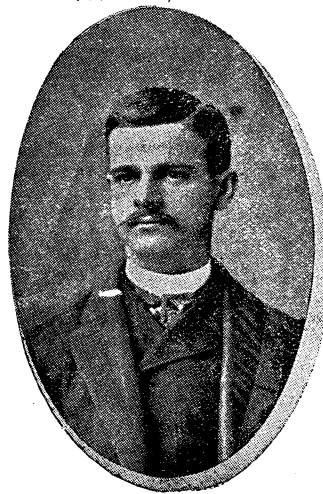
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## THE LESSONS OF THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN OF 1888.

Among the noteworthy results of the League championship campaign of 1888 meriting special comment as affording lessons to be profited by in the future, may be named, first, the success of the Eastern Club of New York, in winning the pennant from the West; secondly, that of the Chicago Club in attaining second place in the race in the face of drawbacks which, under any other management, would have sufficed to have left the Club among the tail-enders; and thirdly, the remarkable failure of the Boston Club to attain even one of the three leading positions in the race, after that club had incurred such a heavy expense in strengthening its team with "star" players. The success of the New York Club in winning the championship, introducing, as it did, a new possessor of the League pennant and its accompanying honors, may justly be regarded as an advantage to the general interests of the National League, inasmuch as it is anything but desirable that one club should, season after season, carry off the honors, as the old Boston Club did in the early history of the professional championship contest; or as the Chicago Club has done in monopolizing the championship of the National League during the past thirteen years of its history. Such monopoly of the honors of each season's campaign, by one or two of the leading clubs of each year, materially lessens the public interest taken in the annual competition. Besides which, it interferes, to a costly extent, with the financial prosperity of a majority of the competing clubs. Now that a club, new to championship honors, has replaced one of the monopolists, the other previously unsuccessful clubs will begin to entertain hopes of being able to "get in at the death," as the fox hunters say, in future pennant races, if not this ensuing year, and thereby a new interest will be imparted to coming campaigns.

A feature of the past campaign of 1888 worthy of remark, too, is the fact of the surprisingly good work on the field accomplished by the so-called "weakened Chicago team." While this work was unquestionably due in a great measure to able management, the assisting element of "temperance in the ranks" had much to do with it. It is equally unquestionable that the very reverse had a great deal to do with the lamentable failure of the Boston team to follow up the success with which that club's team opened the campaign. The contrast these two clubs presented in this special respect calls for the most earnest consideration of the vital question of insisting upon temperate habits in all the club teams during the period of the championship season each year. The evil of drunkenness among the professional teams is one which has grown upon the fraternity until it has become too costly an abuse



to be longer tolerated. Drunken professionals should be driven from service just as the crooks of a dozen years ago were, never to be allowed to return. Drunken players are not only a costly drawback to success individually, but they permeate the whole baseball fraternity with a demoralizing influence. The fact is, professional baseball playing has arrived at that point of excellence, and reached so advanced a position in regard to its financial possibilities, that it will no longer pay, in any solitary respect, to allow players of drinking habits in first-class teams. The demands of the game, as it is now played, are such as to require a player to have all his wits about him to play ball up to the standard it has now reached. He needs the steadiest of nerves, the clearest eyesight, the most unclouded judgment, and the healthiest physique to play the game as it is required to be done by the exacting public patrons of the present day. Another thing, the capitalists who have ventured thousands of dollars in baseball stock companies, can no longer allow their money to be risked in teams which are weakened by the presence of men of drinking habits. Mr. Spalding's plucky and most successful experiment has conclusively shown that a baseball team run on temperance principles can successfully compete with teams stronger in other respects, but which are weakened by the toleration of drinking habits in their ranks. Here is a lesson taught by the campaign of 1888 which points a moral, if it does not adorn a tale.

Another special lesson of the past campaign which was practically illustrated by the Boston Club was, that star players do not make a winning team. The fact is, the pennant cannot be won by any costly outlay in securing the services of this, that, or the other "greatest player in the country." It is well managed and harmonious teams, not picked nines led by special stars, which win in the long run. Now and then—as there are exceptions in all cases—a picked nine will attain a certain degree of success. But for steady struggles for permanent success in the professional championship arena, team work of the very best, and admirably managed teams will alone achieve steady victory. The old Boston teams under Harry Wright, and the Chicago teams under Anson, are a standing proof of this fact. Let the National League magnates ponder these truths earnestly.

### THE LEAGUE PITCHING OF 1888.

While there is no more reliable a record, by which to estimate a pitcher's skill in the box, than the figures showing the runs clean earned off the pitching; in the absence of such figures the best criterion is that of the record of victories and defeats pitched in, the percentage of victories to games played being the deciding point in awarding the palm of superior work in the box. In 1888 the pitchers were handicapped by the absurd rule which charged

runs scored on bases on balls as *earned* runs, successive bases on balls giving an earned run to the batting side, even in the absence of a single base hit. To estimate a pitcher's skill on such a basis is nonsense. As the scoring rules do not admit of the record of data showing runs clean earned off the pitching, and not off the fielding and pitching combined, we are obliged to make up a record of the percentage of victories as the only reliable figures at command on which to judge the pitching of the season. By and by the Committee of Conference will get out of the old rut in this respect, and then correct data will be available; until then we must do the best we can under the circumstances, and consequently the names of the pitchers of the League Clubs who took part in not less than ten games are appended, and these are placed in the order of the best percentage of victories.

	PITCHERS.	CLUB.	Won.	Lost.	Played.	Percentage.
1	Keefe.....	New York.....	35	12	47	.745
2	Conway.....	Detroit.....	31	14	45	.689
3	Buffinton.....	Philadelphia.....	29	15	44	.659
4	Sanders.....	Philadelphia.....	19	10	29	.655
5	Krock.....	Chicago.....	25	14	39	.641
6	Titcomb.....	New York.....	14	8	22	.636
7	Clarkson.....	Boston.....	33	20	53	.623
8	Tener.....	Chicago.....	7	5	12	.583
9	Welch.....	New York.....	26	19	45	.577
10	Sowders.....	Boston.....	19	15	34	.559
11	Morris.....	Pittsburg.....	29	24	53	.547
12	Van Haltren.....	Chicago.....	13	11	24	.542
13	Staley.....	Pittsburg.....	12	12	24	.500
14	Burdick.....	Indianapolis.....	10	10	20	.500
15	Galvin.....	Pittsburg.....	23	25	48	.479
16	Whitney.....	Washington.....	19	21	40	.475
17	Baldwin.....	Chicago.....	13	15	28	.464
18	Gruber.....	Detroit.....	11	13	24	.458
19	Crane.....	New York.....	5	6	11	.455
20	Casey.....	Philadelphia.....	14	19	33	.424
21	Beatin.....	Detroit.....	5	7	12	.417
22	Getzein.....	Detroit.....	18	26	44	.409
23	Boyle.....	Indianapolis.....	15	22	37	.405
24	Madden.....	Boston.....	7	12	19	.368
25	Widner.....	Washington.....	4	7	11	.364
26	O'Day.....	Washington.....	16	31	47	.340
27	Shreve.....	Indianapolis.....	11	24	35	.314
28	Radbourne.....	Boston.....	7	16	23	.304
29	Gleason.....	Philadelphia.....	7	17	24	.292

Some remarkable pitching was done during the season of 1888; alike in the American arena, as in the League. The strategic work was up to a very high mark in the League, and in this, Keefe, Conway, Buffinton, Clarkson, Welch, Galvin, and Morris

bore off the palm, while in speed alone, Crane of New York excelled.

The detailed record of victories and defeats pitched in during the championship campaign of 1888 by those who pitched in at least five victories, is as follows. The names are given in the order of most victories and fewest defeats:

VICTORIES.

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Victories.
Keefe.....	5	3	5	5	5	3	4	6	35
Clarkson.....	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	33
Conway.....	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	3	31
Buffinton.....	5	4	5	5	2	5	5	3	29
Morris.....	3	3	4	5	3	4	3	3	29
Welch.....	3	3	5	5	3	4	4	4	26
Krock.....	5	3	2	3	4	3	4	4	25
Sanders.....	0	3	5	3	1	3	3	5	19
Sowders.....	3	1	2	2	2	4	2	5	19
Whitney.....	3	3	4	3	1	3	3	3	18
Getzein.....	0	4	4	2	3	2	3	3	18
O'Day.....	1	2	3	2	3	3	2	...	16
Boyle.....	2	1	2	4	1	1	1	3	15
Titcomb.....	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	4	14
Casey.....	1	2	...	2	4	2	2	1	14
Van Haltren.....	0	...	2	1	2	2	2	4	13
Baldwin.....	3	...	3	3	2	2	2	0	13
Staley.....	0	2	0	1	1	...	5	3	12
Gruber.....	2	1	1	3	...	1	2	1	11
Shreve.....	2	1	0	3	3	1	1	1	11
Burdick.....	1	3	0	1	1	...	...	1	10
Tener.....	2	...	0	2	1	0	1	1	7
Madden.....	0	0	2	...	0	3	1	1	7
Radbourne.....	0	1	0	...	2	1	0	3	7
Gleason.....	1	0	...	0	0	3	1	2	7
Crane.....	...	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	5
Beatin.....	0	0	0	1	...	1	0	3	5

DEFEATS.

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Defeats.
Tener.....	1	...	2	0	0	0	1	1	5
Crane.....	...	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	6
Beatin.....	1	2	1	2	...	0	1	0	7
Titcomb.....	...	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	8
Sanders.....	3	2	...	2	1	1	0	1	10

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Defeats.
Burdick .....	1	1	3	1	1	0	...	3	10
Van Haltren .....	2	...	1	2	3	2	1	0	11
Keefe .....	...	4	1	4	0	1	2	0	12
Staley .....	2	1	2	2	3	...	1	1	12
Madden .....	3	2	2	...	2	2	1	0	12
Gruber .....	3	1	2	2	...	0	2	3	13
Conway .....	2	2	1	2	...	3	1	3	14
Krock .....	2	...	2	3	2	3	1	1	14
Buffinton .....	4	2	...	3	2	2	1	1	15
Sowders .....	3	2	4	...	2	2	2	0	15
Baldwin .....	1	...	1	1	4	4	2	2	15
Radbourne .....	2	5	0	...	2	2	2	3	16
Gleason .....	2	3	...	3	3	1	0	5	17
Welch .....	...	6	1	3	2	2	1	1	19
Casey .....	5	1	...	1	5	2	3	2	19
Clarkson .....	4	3	4	...	2	2	3	2	20
Whitney .....	4	1	2	5	2	4	3	...	21
Boyle .....	5	5	3	3	1	5	...	0	22
Morris .....	3	4	4	2	3	...	2	6	24
Shreve .....	4	4	4	2	5	3	...	2	24
Galvin .....	4	3	7	5	3	...	1	2	25
Getzein .....	5	3	3	4	...	7	3	1	26
O'Day .....	4	5	4	5	3	3	7	...	31

These pitching records not only present a tolerably fair criterion of a pitcher's skill in the box—though of course not as reliable as the data of clean earned runs off his pitching or of clean hits made from it—but they afford an interesting and instructive record from which to judge of the success of a pitcher in defeating one particular team more frequently than he does another, and vice versa. In fact, experience has shown that no matter how effective a pitcher may be in a season's work, it will be found that there is always one team which bothers him more than any other he has to face, just as shown in the above quoted instances.

In regard to judging of a pitcher's ability as a fielder in his position by the fielding averages of pitchers, the basis was made equally as unreliable as the estimate of earned runs was, owing to the fact that the data of the fielding averages of a pitcher were made up from the figures of "assistance on strikes" as well as from legitimate fielding assistances. For this reason the pitcher, who was really a poor fielder in his position in fielding balls from the bat, but who happened to be fortunate in striking batsmen out by his pitching—thereby getting a big record of pitching assistances—became the leader in the pitcher's fielding averages; while the pitcher who really excelled as a fielder when in the box, but who was not as fortunate in striking out his batting opponents, and therefore could not furnish as good a record of assistances on strikes, was set down in the fielding averages as a tail-end.

The individual club record of the pitching of 1888 presents some interesting figures. For instance, we find that while Chicago used no less than eleven pitchers during the championship season Philadelphia was content with but four. No less than twenty new pitchers entered the League season in 1888, and of these, Sanders of Philadelphia; Tener and Krock of Chicago; Sowders of Boston; Staley of Pittsburgh; Burdick of Indianapolis, and Widner of Washington, proved to be acquisitions.

Below will be found the individual club pitching records for 1888, showing the victories and defeats each club pitcher participated in as an occupant of the box. The names given in italics are those of pitchers new to the League arena:

## EASTERN CLUBS.

NEW YORK.	Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Keefe.....	3	4	5	1	5	4	5	0	3	1	8	2	6	0	35	12	47
Welch.....	3	0	5	4	0	3	1	2	4	2	3	1	4	1	26	19	45
Titcomb.....	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	0	4	1	14	8	22
<i>Crane</i> .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	5	6	11
George.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
Weidman....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Totals.....	8	11	14	5	12	8	11	7	*9	7	14	5	15	4	83	47	130

\*One game with Pittsburg was won by forfeit.

CHICAGO.	New York.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
<i>Krock</i> .....	5	2	2	2	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	1	4	1	25	14	39
Van Haltren	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	4	0	13	11	24
Baldwin...	3	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	2	4	2	2	0	2	13	15	28
<i>Tener</i> .....	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	7	5	12
<i>Dwyer</i> .....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	1	5
<i>Borchers</i> ....	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	4	5	9
Ryan.....	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
<i>Gumpert</i> ....	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	3	6
<i>Clark</i> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Brynan</i> .....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3
<i>Mains</i> .....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Totals.....	11	8	8	*9	12	7	10	10	9	11	14	6	13	6	77	57	134

\*One defeat with the Philadelphia Club was by forfeit.

PHILA- DELPHIA.	New York.		Chicago.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Buffinton....	3	4	4	2	5	3	2	2	7	2	5	1	3	1	29	15	44
Sanders.....	0	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	5	0	4	1	19	10	29
Casey.....	1	5	2	1	2	1	4	5	2	2	3	1	2	2	14	19	33
Gleason.....	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	5	7	17	24
Totals.....	5	14	*9	8	10	9	7	11	*15	6	13	4	10	9	60	71	130

BOSTON.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Clarkson....	5	4	5	3	5	4	6	2	1	2	5	3	6	2	33	20	53
Sowders....	3	3	1	2	2	4	2	2	4	2	2	2	5	0	19	15	34
Madden....	0	3	0	2	2	2	0	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	7	12	19
Radbourne..	0	2	1	5	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	3	3	7	16	23
Conway.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	5
Totals.....	8	12	7	10	9	10	10	8	10	8	11	9	15	5	70	64	134

DETROIT.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Conway.....	5	2	5	2	5	1	2	2	5	3	6	1	3	3	31	14	45
Getzein....	0	5	4	3	4	3	2	4	2	7	3	3	3	1	18	26	44
Gruber.....	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	0	2	2	1	3	11	13	24
Beatin.....	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	5	7	12
Baldwin....	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	6
Totals.....	7	11	10	10	11	7	8	10	10	10	11	8	11	7	68	63	131

PITTSBURG.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Morris.....	6	3	3	4	4	4	6	2	3	3	4	2	3	6	29	24	53
Galvin.....	1	4	5	3	2	7	1	5	6	3	5	1	5	2	23	25	48
Staley.....	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	3	5	1	3	1	12	12	24
Knell.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3
Henderson..	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	5
Maul.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals.....	7	9	11	9	6	15	8	10	10	10	14	6	10	9	66	68	134

\*One game with New York was forfeited, and one defeat with Philadelphia thrown out.

INDIAN-APOLIS.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Boyle.....	2	5	1	5	2	3	4	3	2	1	1	5	3	0	15	22	37
Healy.....	0	3	1	4	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	6	5	3	12	24	36
Shreve.....	2	4	1	4	0	4	3	2	3	5	3	1	1	3	11	24	35
Burdick.....	1	1	3	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	3	10	10	20
Moffat.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	5	7
Totals.....	5	14	6	14	4	13	9	11	8	11	6	14	12	8	50	85	135

WASHINGTON.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Whitney....	3	4	3	1	4	2	3	5	1	2	3	4	2	3	18	21	40
O'Day.....	1	4	2	5	3	4	2	5	3	3	3	3	2	7	16	31	47
Keefe.....	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	6	7	13
Widner.....	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	7	11
Daily.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	4	6
Gilmore....	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	10	11
Greening...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Haddock....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2
Shaw.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
Totals.....	4	15	6	13	9	10	5	15	7	11	9	10	8	12	48	86	134

The retiring pitchers of the year were McCormick of Pittsburgh, Ferguson of Philadelphia, who died early in the season; Weidman and Twitchell of Detroit; Shaw of Washington; Mattimore of New York; Pyle and Sprague of Chicago; Leitner, Morrison and Kirby of Indianapolis, and Stemmyer of Boston

## THE MONTHLY RECORDS.

The month of *April* saw Boston taking the lead in the record of victories for that month, that club not sustaining a single defeat in April. Chicago stood second, with New York and Pittsburgh tied in the number of victories and defeats credited and charged to each club, Detroit standing fifth, while Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Washington brought up the rear.

*In May* Chicago led all the other teams in their victories that month; Detroit being second, Philadelphia third, New York fourth, and Boston fifth, Indianapolis being sixth, with Pittsburgh and Washington tied for last place in the May record, Boston and Pittsburgh falling off badly this month.

*In June* Detroit won the most victories, it being their best month's work of the season, Chicago being second, Philadelphia third, New York fourth, Boston fifth, Washington sixth, with Indianapolis seventh and Pittsburgh last, it being the latter club's poorest month's work of the campaign.

*In July* the new rule of management, inaugurated by Mr. Day, placed New York in the front, and the result was that the "Giants" in July made the best month's record of the season, over 18 victories to but five defeats; Detroit stood second on the list in July victories, with Pittsburgh third, the latter making a good rally in July; Indianapolis, too, played well this month and stood fourth, Washington being fifth, and Chicago sixth, the latter taking a bad tumble, Philadelphia and Boston being the two last in July victories, Boston winning but five victories out of twenty-two games, that club's worst monthly record.

*In August* Boston rallied in brilliant style, scoring 16 victories out of 22 games, quite a contrast to their poor work in July; New York was second, and Pittsburgh third, the latter doing better, even, than in July; Philadelphia stood fourth, Chicago fifth, Washington sixth, with Indianapolis seventh and Detroit last, the latter only winning five victories out of 21 games in August.

*In September* Chicago rallied well and went to the front in the record of the month's victories, Pittsburgh being second, New York third, Detroit fourth—the latter rallying; Philadelphia sixth, with Indianapolis and Washington bringing up the rear. By the close of the month New York had virtually settled the question of the championship, and the only struggle left was that for second place.



*In October* Philadelphia made its usual "spurt" at the finish, and that club won eight out of nine games in October, after giving Chicago a close fight for second place, and came in a good third in the pennant race. New York was second in the October victories, Boston third, Pittsburgh and Washington tied for fourth, Chicago was sixth—that club gaining second position in the pennant race; Indianapolis and Washington being the two last. Here is the full record of the monthly victories and defeats of the campaign:

	April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
New York..	5	3	12	9	13	11	18	5	16	8	13	8	7	3	84	47	131
Chicago.....	6	2	15	7	14	8	10	14	12	13	10	9	4	5	77	58	135
Philadelphia	2	7	12	7	13	10	9	15	15	9	10	12	8	1	69	61	130
Boston.....	9	0	11	13	12	11	5	17	10	6	12	12	5	5	70	64	134
Detroit.....	3	5	14	8	16	6	14	10	5	16	13	11	3	7	68	63	131
Pittsburg....	5	3	7	14	5	15	13	9	10	9	15	12	5	6	66	68	134
Indianapolis	2	6	8	14	7	14	13	11	6	21	10	13	4	6	50	85	135
Washington	1	7	7	14	9	14	11	12	10	14	5	19	5	6	48	86	134



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## THE LEADING PLAYERS OF THE LEAGUE.

Looking over the League averages, and taking those players who have taken part in a majority of the championship contests of the season, we find the appended names among those occupying the leading positions at the bat and in the field.

Of those who played in one hundred games and over in the League championship arena, the following comprise the first ten batsmen:

	BATSMEN.	CLUB.	Games.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	134	.343
2	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	130	.331
3	Kelly.....	Boston.....	105	.318
4	Brouthers.....	Detroit.....	129	.306
5	Ewing.....	New York.....	103	.306
6	White.....	Detroit.....	125	.298
7	Johnston.....	Boston.....	135	.295
8	Tiernan.....	New York.....	113	.293
9	Connor.....	New York.....	134	.291
10	Nash.....	Boston.....	135	.283

Of those who played in one hundred games and over in the League campaign, the following are the first seven in fielding averages:

FIELDERS.	POSITION.	CLUB.	Games.	Fielding Average	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Anson.....	First Baseman...	Chicago.....	134	.985	.343
Richardson.....	Second Baseman..	New York.....	135	.942	.220
Nash.....	Third Baseman...	Boston.....	104	.913	.233
Glasscock.....	Short Stop.....	Indianapolis.....	109	.900	.269
Hornung.....	Left Fielder.....	Boston.....	107	.947	.233
Slattery.....	Center Fielder...	New York.....	103	.917	.245
Tiernan.....	Right Fielder....	New York.....	113	.959	.293

Of the pitchers who took part in 50 games and over, the following led in fielding averages:

No pitcher or catcher played in 100 games.

PITCHERS.	CLUB.	Games.	Fielding Average.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Keefe.....	New York.....	51	.785	.127
Galvin.....	Pittsburg.....	50	.755	.143
Morris.....	Pittsburg.....	54	.732	.102
Clarkson.....	Boston.....	54	.678	.195

Of the catchers who took part in 60 games and over, the following led in fielding averages:

CATCHERS.	CLUB.	Games.	Fielding Average.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Bennett.....	Detroit.....	72	.941	.263
Daly.....	Chicago.....	62	.880	.191
Clements.....	Philadelphia.....	84	.874	.247
Ewing.....	New York.....	78	.861	.306
Mack.....	Washington.....	79	.843	.186
Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	68	.805	.277
Kelly.....	Boston.....	74	.796	.318

### THE BASE RUNNING RECORD.

Those of the League championship players who are credited with not less than 50 stolen bases in the pennant race, are as follows:

BASE RUNNERS.	CLUB.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
Hoy.....	Washington.....	136	82
Seery.....	Indianapolis.....	133	80
Sunday.....	Pittsburg.....	119	71
Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	136	64
Ryan.....	Chicago.....	130	60
Fogarty.....	Philadelphia.....	120	58
Kelly.....	Boston.....	105	56
Ewing.....	New York.....	103	53
Tiernan.....	New York.....	113	52

The above are the leaders in seven of the eight League clubs. Hanlon led in the Detroit team, but he only scored 38 stolen

bases in 108 games. The Detroit team was singularly weak in this respect.

Mr. R. M. Larner of Washington has made up an interesting table from the figures of the League averages, which presents some very interesting statistics of the base running in the League during the championship season of 1888. Mr. Larner says:

"The official averages of League players contain the number of bases stolen by each player during the season, but furnish no means of comparison between the clubs in that most important department of the game. A glance, however, shows that the three tail-end clubs possess the three most successful base-runners in the League, in Hoy of the Washingtons; Seery of Indianapolis, and Sunday of Pittsburgh, the latter of whom would probably have finished first had an accident not prevented him from playing during the last two weeks of the season."

The following table includes in its first column all those methods of reaching first base, except the force-outs, which cannot be ascertained, and would not materially affect the record, in this comparison. Indianapolis and Washington still lead, Pittsburgh comes well to the front, pushing the next three clubs down a peg each, and the Phillies and Detroits keep their places at the foot:

CLUBS.	Reached 1st Base.	Stolen Bases.	Percent- ages.
Indianapolis.....	1,589	350	220
Washington.....	1,515	331	218
Pittsburg.....	1,474	282	191
New York.....	1,772	315	178
Boston.....	1,719	292	170
Chicago.....	1,720	285	166
Philadelphia.....	1,569	246	157
Detroit.....	1,843	193	105

Mr. Larner says: "The simple total of bases stolen is misleading as to a club's proficiency in base running, since the strong batting clubs having more men who reach first base have more chances to steal, and hence excel in totals, while in percentages they fall below clubs which are weaker in batting. The true measure is the relation between the number of bases stolen and the number of chances offered for the attempt, which is the whole number of those who reach first base, whether on hits, balls, errors, hits by pitcher, illegal delivery, or force-outs."

### THE CLUB RECORD OF STOLEN BASES.

The record in stolen bases in championship games, showing the first man of each club in base stealing for 1888 is appended.

Taking the total bases stolen by each club nine as the criterion, Indianapolis takes the lead, with Washington second and New York third, followed by Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Detroit in regular order, the latter club being the weakest of the eight League teams in base running. Here is the record in full:

INDIANAPOLIS.			BOSTON.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Seery.....	133	80	1 Kelly.....	105	16
2 McGeachy.....	118	49	2 Brown.....	107	46
3 Glasscock.....	112	48	3 Johnston.....	135	35
4 Denny.....	126	32	4 Wise.....	104	33
5 Hines.....	132	31	5 Hornung.....	107	29
6 Myers.....	66	28	6 Morrill.....	134	21
7 Bossett.....	128	24	7 Nash.....	135	20
8 Daily.....	57	15	8 Quinn.....	38	12
9 Esterbrook.....	64	11	9 Sutton.....	28	10
Total.....	318		Total.....	263	

WASHINGTON.			PITTSBURG.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Hoy.....	136	82	1 Sunday.....	119	71
2 Wilmot.....	119	46	2 Smith.....	130	32
3 Donnelly.....	117	44	3 Dunlap.....	81	24
4 Daily.....	110	44	4 Miller.....	103	27
5 Mack.....	85	31	5 Beckley.....	71	20
6 Schock.....	90	23	6 Carroll.....	96	18
7 Myers.....	132	20	7 Kuehne.....	137	17
8 Irwin.....	37	15	8 Coleman.....	115	15
9 O'Brien.....	133	10	9 Fields.....	44	9
Total.....	315		Total.....	278	

NEW YORK.			PHILADELPHIA.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Ewing.....	103	53	1 Fogart.....	120	58
2 Tiernan.....	113	52	2 Delahanty.....	74	38
3 Ward.....	122	38	3 Andrews.....	123	35
4 Richardson.....	135	35	4 Farrar.....	130	21
5 Connor.....	134	27	5 Wood.....	105	20
6 Slattery.....	103	26	6 Irwin.....	124	19
7 O'Rourke.....	107	25	7 Mulvey.....	99	18
8 Gore.....	64	9	8 Sanders.....	57	13
9 Whitney.....	90	8	9 Bastian.....	80	12
Total.....	280		Total.....	234	

CHICAGO.			DETROIT.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Pfeffer.....	136	64	1 Hanlon.....	108	38
2 Ryan.....	130	60	2 Brouthers.....	129	34
3 Burns.....	134	34	3 Campau.....	70	27
4 Anson.....	134	23	4 Twitchell.....	130	14
5 Williamson.....	132	25	5 Richardson.....	57	13
6 Van Haltren.....	81	21	6 White.....	125	12
7 Duffy.....	71	13	7 Ganzell.....	93	12
8 Daly.....	65	10	8 Rowe.....	105	10
9 Sullivan.....	75	9	9 Getzein.....	45	6
Total.....	264		Total.....	166	

The following table is for immediate reference. It shows the winning club for each season from 1871 to 1888 inclusive; as also the manager of each of the champion clubs of each year:

Year.	WINNING CLUB.	MANAGER.	Victories.	Defeats.	Games Played
1871	Athletic.....	Hayhurst.....	22	7	29
1872	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	39	8	47
1873	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	43	16	59
1874	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	53	18	70
1875	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	71	8	79
1876	Chicago.....	Spalding.....	52	14	66
1877	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	31	17	48
1878	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	41	19	60
1879	Providence.....	G. Wright.....	55	23	78
1880	Chicago.....	Anson.....	67	18	84
1881	Chicago.....	Anson.....	56	28	84
1882	Chicago.....	Anson.....	55	29	84
1883	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	63	35	98
1884	Providence.....	Bancroft.....	84	28	112
1885	Chicago.....	Anson.....	87	25	112
1886	Chicago.....	Anson.....	90	34	124
1887	Detroit.....	Watkins.....	79	45	124
1888	New York.....	Mutrie.....	84	47	131

It will be seen that in the old Professional Association the Boston club won the pennant four times, and the Athletics once, while in the League the Chicago Club won it six times, the Boston Club three times, the Providence Club twice, and the Detroit and New York once each. The best percentage of victories was made by the Boston Club in 1875, that being the best on record in professional club history.

## THE CHAMPION LEAGUE TEAM OF 1888.

Though the New York Club's team for 1888 included over twenty different players, only seven of them took part in one hundred championship matches and over, and these were Richardson, 135; Connor, 134; Ward, 122; Tiernan, 113; O'Rourke, 107; Ewing, 103, and Slattery, 103. Whitney took part in 90; Gore in 64; Keefe in 51; Welch in 47; Foster in 37; Murphy in 28; Hatfield in 27; Titcomb in 23; Brown in 17, and Crane in but 11. All the others played in less than ten games. The first nine were Keefe p, Ewing c, Connor 1b, Richardson 2b, Whitney, 3b, Ward ss, O'Rourke lf, Slattery cf, and Tiernan, rf, these playing the nine positions respectively. The appended table presents an interesting epitome of the work done on the field by the New York team in the championship contests of the past season:

NEW YORK. vs.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Totals.
Victories.....	8	14	12	11	10	14	15	84
Defeats.....	11	5	8	7	7	5	4	47
Drawn Games.....	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	7
Series Won.....	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	5
Series Lost.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Series Unfinished.....	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6
Victories by Forfeit.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
"Chicago" Victories.....	2	1	1	2	4	3	6	19
"Chicago" Defeats.....	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Single Figure Victories.....	5	12	10	11	8	11	14	71
Single Figure Defeats.....	11	4	8	5	7	5	4	44
Double Figure Victories.....	3	2	2	0	1	3	2	13
Double Figure Defeats.....	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4
Extra Innings Games.....	1	2	3	1	1	0	1	9
Victories at Home.....	4	8	5	5	6	7	8	43
Defeats at Home.....	5	1	5	3	4	2	3	23
Victories Abroad.....	4	6	7	5	4	7	7	40
Defeats Abroad.....	6	4	3	4	3	3	1	24

## THE PITCHING RECORD.

The pitching record of the champion team of 1888 is worthy of note in regard to the figures showing the victories won and defeats



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## THE FULL LEAGUE RECORD.

The following record presents the scores of the total victories won by every League Club each year since the National League was organized, the table presenting the figures of thirteen consecutive seasons from 1876 to 1888 inclusive:

	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	
Chicago ....	52	18	30	44	67	56	55	59	62	87	90	71	77	13
Boston .....	39	31	41	49	40	38	45	63	73	46	56	61	70	12
Providence..	.....	.....	38	55	52	47	52	58	84	53	.....	.....	.....	2
Detroit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	42	40	28	41	87	79	68	0
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	44	24	45	45	52	64	38	.....	.....	.....	1
Cleveland..	.....	.....	.....	24	47	36	42	55	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
New York...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	62	85	75	68	84	6
Philad'phia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	39	55	71	75	69	6
St. Louis...	45	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	43	.....	.....	4
Cincinnati..	9	.....	37	38	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Troy .....	.....	.....	.....	19	41	39	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Worcester..	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	32	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	46	48	3
Indianapolis	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	59	3
Hartford....	47	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Louisville..	30	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Pittsburg...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	66	2
Athletic....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Mutual .....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Syracuse....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Milwaukee..	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Kansas City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	1
Totals ....	257	120	185	288	332	334	334	390	447	444	448	521	541	

## THE COMPLETE RECORD.

Following is a summary showing the results of each year's campaign since the organization of the League:

1876.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.		Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago .....	52	14	.788	Louisville.....	30	36	.455
Hartford .....	47	21	.691	Mutual .....	21	35	.375
St. Louis .....	45	19	.703	Athletic .....	14	45	.237
Boston .....	39	31	.557	Cincinnati.....	9	56	.135

1877.

Boston .....	31	17	.648	St. Louis .....	19	29	.396
Louisville .....	28	20	.583	Chicago .....	18	30	.375
Hartford .....	24	24	.500				

1878.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.		Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Boston .....	41	19	.707	Chicago.....	30	30	.500
Cincinnati.....	37	23	.617	Indianapolis .....	24	36	.400
Providence.....	33	27	.550	Milwaukee.....	15	45	.250

1879.

Providence .....	55	23	.705	Cincinnati.....	38	36	.514
Boston .....	49	29	.628	Cleveland.....	24	53	.312
Chicago.....	44	32	.579	Troy .....	19	56	.253
Buffalo.....	44	32	.579	Syracuse.....	15	27	.357

1880.

Chicago.....	67	17	.798	Worcester.....	40	43	.482
Providence.....	52	32	.619	Boston .....	40	44	.474
Cleveland.....	47	37	.559	Buffalo .....	24	58	.293
Troy .....	41	42	.494	Cincinnati.....	21	59	.263

1881.

Chicago.....	56	28	.667	Troy .....	39	45	.464
Providence .....	47	37	.559	Boston .....	38	45	.458
Buffalo.....	45	38	.542	Cleveland.....	36	48	.429
Detroit.....	41	43	.488	Worcester.....	32	50	.390

1882.

Chicago.....	55	29	.655	Cleveland .....	42	40	.512
Providence .....	52	32	.619	Detroit.....	43	41	.506
Buffalo.....	45	39	.536	Troy .....	35	48	.422
Boston .....	45	39	.536	Worcester.....	18	66	.214

1883.

Boston.....	63	35	.643	Buffalo.....	52	45	.539
Chicago.....	59	39	.602	New York .....	46	50	.479
Providence .....	58	40	.592	Detroit.....	49	58	.408
Cleveland.....	55	42	.567	Philadelphia..	17	81	.173

1884.

Providence.....	84	28	.750	New York .....	62	50	.554
Boston .....	73	38	.658	Philadelphia .....	39	73	.348
Buffalo.....	64	47	.577	Cleveland.....	35	77	.313
Chicago.....	62	50	.554	Detroit.....	28	84	.250

1885.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.		Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago.....	87	25	.776	Boston.....	46	66	.410
New York.....	85	27	.758	Detroit.....	41	67	.379
Philadelphia.....	56	54	.509	Buffalo.....	38	74	.339
Providence.....	53	57	.481	St. Louis.....	36	72	.333

1886.

Chicago.....	90	34	.725	Boston.....	56	61	.478
Detroit.....	87	36	.707	St. Louis.....	43	79	.352
New York.....	75	44	.630	Kansas City.....	39	91	.247
Philadelphia.....	71	43	.622	Washington.....	28	92	.233

1887.

Detroit.....	79	45	.637	Boston.....	61	60	.504
Philadelphia.....	75	48	.610	Pittsburg.....	55	69	.444
Chicago.....	71	50	.587	Indianapolis.....	46	76	.377
New York.....	68	55	.553	Washington.....	37	89	.294

1888.

New York.....	84	47	.641	Detroit.....	68	63	.519
Chicago.....	77	58	.510	Pittsburg.....	66	68	.493
Philadelphia.....	69	61	.531	Indianapolis.....	50	85	.370
Boston.....	70	64	.522	Washington.....	48	86	.358

A summary of the above shows that the Chicago club won the championship six times; the Boston club three times; the Providence club twice, and the Detroit and New York clubs once each. The Chicago club has the best record of a single season—90 victories and 34 defeats—and the highest percentage of victories .798. The only clubs which played in every single season were the Chicago and Boston clubs.

# THE LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR 1888.

The following is the official batting record of players members of League Clubs who have taken part in fifteen or more championship games.

## SEASON OF 1888.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	134	515	101	0.75	177	.343	52	1.88	28	0.20
2	Beckley.....	Pittsburg.....	71	283	35	0.49	97	.342	121	1.70	20	0.28
3	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	130	549	115	0.88	182	.331	285	2.19	60	0.46
4	Kelly.....	Boston.....	105	440	85	0.81	140	.318	205	1.95	56	0.53
5	Ewing.....	New York.....	103	415	83	0.80	127	.306	195	1.89	53	0.51
6	Brouthers....	Detroit.....	129	522	118	0.91	160	.306	270	1.86	34	0.26
7	Quinn.....	Boston.....	38	156	19	0.50	47	.301	43	1.92	12	0.31
8	White.....	Detroit.....	125	527	75	0.60	157	.298	200	1.60	12	0.09
9	Johnston.....	Boston.....	135	585	102	0.75	173	.295	276	2.04	35	0.26
10	Tiernan.....	New York.....	113	443	75	0.66	130	.293	182	1.61	52	0.46
11	Connor.....	".....	134	481	98	0.63	140	.291	224	1.67	27	0.20
12	Richardson..	Detroit.....	57	266	60	1.05	77	.289	117	2.05	13	0.23
13	Van Haltren..	Chicago.....	81	318	46	0.56	90	.283	130	1.60	21	0.26
14	Nash.....	Boston.....	135	526	71	0.52	149	.283	209	1.54	20	0.15
15	Duffy.....	Chicago.....	71	298	60	0.84	84	.282	121	1.70	13	0.18
16	Thompson....	Detroit.....	55	238	51	0.92	67	.281	111	2.02	5	0.09
17	Hines.....	Indianapolis..	132	513	84	0.63	144	.280	186	1.40	51	0.23
18	Rowe.....	Detroit.....	105	451	62	0.59	125	.277	168	1.60	10	0.09
19	Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	103	404	50	0.48	112	.277	139	1.35	27	0.26
20	Conway.....	Detroit.....	44	167	28	0.63	46	.275	59	1.34	1	0.02
21	Hoy.....	Washington...	136	503	77	0.56	138	.274	171	1.26	52	0.60
22	Buckley.....	Indianapolis..	71	260	27	0.38	71	.273	95	1.33	4	0.05
23	O'Rourke....	New York.....	107	409	50	0.46	112	.273	154	1.44	25	0.23
24	Brown.....	".....	17	59	4	0.23	16	.271	17	1.00	1	0.06
25	Glasscock....	Indianapolis..	112	442	63	0.56	119	.269	145	1.29	48	0.43
26	Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	108	459	64	0.59	122	.265	157	1.45	38	0.35
27	McGuire.....	Phil. & Det'r't.	15	64	17	0.46	17	.265	23	1.35	0	0.00
28	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	72	258	32	0.44	68	.263	102	1.41	4	0.05
29	Dunlap.....	Pittsburg.....	81	317	41	0.50	83	.261	106	1.30	24	0.29
30	Enny.....	Indianapolis..	126	524	92	0.73	137	.261	220	1.74	32	0.25
31	Nicholson....	Detroit.....	24	85	11	0.46	22	.259	33	1.37	6	0.25
32	Sutcliffe....	".....	49	191	17	0.34	49	.257	59	1.20	6	0.12
33	Pettit.....	Chicago.....	43	169	24	0.56	43	.254	62	1.44	7	0.16
34	Ward.....	New York.....	122	510	70	0.57	128	.251	154	1.26	38	0.31
35	Williamson...	Chicago.....	132	452	75	0.57	113	.250	175	1.32	25	0.19
36	Beaton.....	Detroit.....	16	56	8	0.50	14	.250	25	1.56	1	0.06
37	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	135	517	90	0.66	129	.249	193	1.43	64	0.47
38	Ganzell.....	Detroit.....	93	386	45	0.48	96	.248	119	1.28	12	0.13
39	Clements....	Philadelphia..	85	323	26	0.30	80	.247	100	1.17	3	0.03
40	Brown.....	Boston.....	107	420	62	0.58	164	.247	155	1.45	46	0.43
41	Ray.....	".....	50	206	26	0.52	51	.247	65	1.30	7	0.14
42	Farrar.....	Philadelphia..	130	504	53	0.40	124	.246	155	1.19	21	0.17

## BATTING RECORD.—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.
34	Sanders.....	Philadelphia..	57	236	27	0.47	58	.245	74	1.29	13	0.23
	Getzein.....	Detroit.....	45	167	14	0.31	41	.245	50	1.11	6	0.13
	Slattery.....	New York.....	103	391	49	0.47	96	.245	122	1.18	26	0.25
25	Twitchell.....	Detroit.....	130	524	71	0.54	128	.244	167	1.28	14	0.10
36	Carroll.....	Pittsburg.....	96	362	61	0.63	88	.243	117	1.22	18	0.19
37	Bassett.....	Indianapolis..	128	481	57	0.44	116	.241	147	1.15	24	0.19
38	Hornung.....	Boston.....	107	431	61	0.57	103	.239	134	1.25	29	0.27
	Wise.....	"	104	417	66	0.63	100	.239	155	1.49	33	0.31
	Burns.....	Chicago.....	134	483	60	0.44	115	.238	152	1.13	34	0.25
39	Andrews.....	Philadelphia..	123	524	74	0.60	125	.238	157	1.27	35	0.28
	Myers.....	Indianapolis..	66	218	35	0.53	59	.238	72	1.09	28	0.42
40	Shoeneck.....	"	48	169	15	0.31	40	.237	44	0.91	11	0.23
	Sullivan.....	Chicago.....	75	314	40	0.53	74	.235	117	1.56	9	0.12
41	Fogarty.....	Philadelphia..	120	451	71	0.59	106	.235	137	1.14	58	0.43
42	Kuhne.....	Pittsburg.....	137	520	60	0.44	122	.234	175	1.28	34	0.25
43	Sunday.....	"	119	501	68	0.57	117	.233	140	1.18	71	0.59
44	Farrell.....	Chicago.....	63	241	34	0.54	56	.232	80	1.27	8	0.12
45	Wood.....	Philadelphia..	105	423	67	0.63	99	.230	154	1.46	20	0.19
	Coleman.....	Pittsburg.....	115	434	48	0.41	100	.229	118	1.02	15	0.13
46	Tate.....	Boston.....	40	148	18	0.45	34	.229	44	1.10	2	0.07
47	Healy.....	Indianapolis..	37	131	14	0.38	30	.229	42	1.10	5	0.13
47	Deleahanty..	Philadelphia..	74	290	40	0.54	66	.227	82	1.10	38	0.51
48	Richardson..	New York.....	135	561	82	0.60	127	.226	176	1.30	35	0.26
49	Daily.....	Washington ..	110	453	56	0.50	102	.225	139	1.26	44	0.40
	O'Brien.....	"	133	528	42	0.31	119	.225	167	1.25	10	0.08
	Wilmot.....	"	119	473	61	0.51	106	.224	146	1.22	46	0.38
50	Dalrymple...	Pittsburg.....	56	223	19	0.33	50	.224	64	1.14	7	0.12
51	Irwin.....	Washington ..	37	126	14	0.38	28	.222	36	0.97	15	0.40
52	Irwin.....	Philadelphia..	124	444	51	0.41	98	.220	115	0.92	19	0.15
	Seery.....	Indianapolis..	133	500	87	0.65	110	.220	163	1.23	80	0.60
	Gore.....	New York.....	64	254	37	0.57	56	.220	72	1.12	11	0.17
53	McGeachy...	Indianapolis..	118	452	45	0.38	99	.219	115	0.97	49	0.41
	Esterbrook..	"	64	246	21	0.32	54	.219	61	0.95	11	0.17
	Whitney.....	New York.....	90	323	28	0.31	72	.219	87	0.96	7	0.07
54	Sutton.....	Boston.....	28	110	16	0.57	24	.218	32	1.14	10	0.35
	Daily.....	Indianapolis..	57	202	14	0.24	41	.218	52	0.91	15	0.26
55	Mulvey.....	Philadelphia..	99	394	37	0.37	85	.215	105	1.06	18	0.12
	Radbourne...	Boston.....	24	79	6	0.25	17	.215	18	0.75	4	0.16
56	Cleveland...	N. Y. & Pitts.	40	145	17	0.42	31	.214	51	1.27	4	0.10
	Shomberg...	Indianapolis..	29	112	11	0.38	24	.214	33	1.13	6	0.20
57	Darling.....	Chicago.....	20	75	13	0.65	16	.213	27	1.35	0	0.00
58	Mail.....	Pittsburg.....	73	255	21	0.29	54	.211	71	0.97	9	0.12
59	Myers.....	Washington ..	132	502	47	0.35	104	.207	139	1.05	20	0.15
	Smith.....	Pittsburg.....	130	477	61	0.44	99	.207	131	1.00	37	0.27
60	Hallman.....	Philadelphia..	16	63	5	0.31	13	.206	19	1.19	1	0.06
61	Gleason.....	"	23	83	4	0.17	17	.205	20	0.87	3	0.13
62	Campau.....	Detroit.....	70	251	28	0.40	51	.203	65	0.93	27	0.38
63	Scheffler...	"	27	94	17	0.63	19	.202	24	0.89	4	0.15
	Burdock.....	Boston.....	21	79	5	0.24	16	.202	16	0.76	1	0.05
64	Donnelly.....	Washington ..	122	428	43	0.35	86	.201	104	0.85	44	0.36

## BATTING RECORD.—Continued.

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65	Widner .....	Washington ..	15	60	4	0.26	12	.200	12	0.80	1	0.07
66	Morrill .....	Boston .....	134	486	60	0.44	96	.197	135	1.00	21	0.15
67	Arundel .....	Washington ..	16	51	2	0.12	10	.196	12	0.75	1	0.06
68	Clarkson .....	Boston .....	54	205	20	0.37	40	.195	53	0.98	5	0.09
	Fields .....	Pittsburg .....	44	149	22	0.50	33	.195	47	1.09	9	0.20
69	Schrivier .....	Philadelphia ..	39	134	15	0.38	26	.194	36	0.92	2	0.05
	McShannic .....	Pittsburg .....	26	98	5	0.19	19	.194	20	0.77	3	0.11
70	Bastian .....	Philadelphia ..	80	275	31	0.38	53	.192	63	0.77	12	0.15
71	Daily .....	Chicago .....	65	219	34	0.52	41	.191	54	0.83	10	0.15
72	Welch .....	New York .....	47	169	16	0.34	32	.189	42	0.89	4	0.08
73	Mack .....	Washington ..	85	300	49	0.57	56	.186	77	0.90	31	0.36
74	Schock .....	" .....	90	317	46	0.51	58	.183	77	0.85	23	0.25
75	Fuller .....	" .....	49	170	11	0.22	31	.182	38	0.77	6	0.12
	Shreve .....	Indianapolis ..	36	115	10	0.28	21	.182	24	0.66	5	0.14
76	Flint .....	Chicago .....	22	77	6	0.27	14	.181	17	0.77	1	0.04
	Hatfield .....	New York .....	27	105	7	0.26	19	.181	20	0.74	8	0.29
77	O'Rourke .....	Boston .....	20	74	3	0.15	13	.175	13	0.65	2	0.10
78	Buffinton .....	Philadelphia ..	44	156	13	0.29	27	.173	32	0.72	1	0.02
79	Whitney .....	Washington ..	42	141	13	0.31	24	.170	27	0.64	3	0.07
80	Murphy .....	New York .....	28	166	11	0.39	18	.169	20	0.71	3	0.10
81	Klusman .....	Boston .....	28	107	9	0.32	18	.168	28	1.00	3	0.11
82	Madden .....	" .....	19	67	7	0.36	11	.164	11	0.58	4	0.21
	Krock .....	Chicago .....	39	134	9	0.23	22	.164	25	0.64	1	0.02
83	Deasley .....	Washington ..	34	127	6	0.17	20	.157	23	0.67	2	0.06
	Wells .....	Detroit .....	16	57	5	0.31	9	.157	10	0.63	0	0.00
84	Glenn .....	Boston .....	19	65	8	0.42	10	.154	12	0.63	0	0.00
85	Casey .....	Philadelphia ..	33	118	11	0.33	18	.152	22	0.66	2	0.06
86	Baldwin .....	Chicago .....	30	106	11	0.37	16	.151	24	0.80	4	0.13
	Sowders .....	Boston .....	25	122	14	0.40	18	.147	20	0.57	1	0.03
87	Burdick .....	Indianapolis ..	20	68	6	0.30	10	.147	11	0.55	0	0.00
	Foster .....	New York .....	37	136	15	0.40	20	.147	27	0.73	13	0.35
88	Boyle .....	Indianapolis ..	37	125	13	0.35	18	.144	21	0.57	1	0.03
89	Galvin .....	Pittsburg .....	20	173	6	0.12	25	.143	31	0.62	4	0.08
90	Gruber .....	Detroit .....	27	92	8	0.29	13	.141	17	0.63	0	0.00
91	O'Day .....	Washington ..	47	166	6	0.12	23	.138	25	0.53	3	0.06
92	Staley .....	Pittsburg .....	24	85	6	0.25	11	.129	12	0.50	2	0.08
93	Keefe .....	New York .....	51	181	10	0.19	23	.127	33	0.64	3	0.06
94	Titcomb .....	" .....	23	82	6	0.26	10	.122	13	0.56	5	0.21
95	Morris .....	Pittsburg .....	54	186	12	0.21	19	.102	23	0.42	2	0.04



## FIELDING RECORD.

Of Players, Members of League Clubs, who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games, Season of 1883.

## FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	134	1314	65	20	1399	.985
2	Connor.....	New York.....	133	1337	43	26	1406	.981
	Beckley.....	Pittsburg.....	71	744	19	16	779	.979
3	Farrar.....	Philadelphia.....	130	1345	53	30	1428	.979
	Morrill.....	Boston.....	134	1398	72	31	1501	.979
4	Esterbrook.....	Indianapolis.....	61	628	20	16	654	.976
	Coleman.....	Pittsburg.....	25	235	4	6	245	.975
5	O'Brien.....	Washington.....	132	1272	38	33	1343	.975
6	Shoenek.....	Indianapolis.....	48	501	16	14	531	.973
7	Brouthers.....	Detroit.....	129	1345	48	42	1435	.970
8	Maul.....	Pittsburg.....	37	392	9	13	414	.968
9	Shomberg.....	Indianapolis.....	15	136	0	5	141	.964

## SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Bastian.....	Philadelphia.....	65	145	258	23	427	.946
2	Richardson.....	New York.....	135	321	423	46	790	.942
3	Dunlap.....	Pittsburg.....	81	237	276	33	546	.939
4	Nicholson.....	Detroit.....	24	44	71	8	123	.935
5	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	135	421	457	65	943	.931
6	Richardson.....	Detroit.....	57	173	185	29	387	.925
7	Bassett.....	Indianapolis.....	128	250	423	57	730	.921
8	Myers.....	Washington.....	132	271	399	60	730	.918
9	Klusman.....	Boston.....	28	63	75	13	151	.914
10	Quinn.....	".....	38	97	115	20	232	.913
11	Smith.....	Pittsburg.....	56	131	184	33	248	.905
12	Nash.....	Boston.....	31	90	108	21	219	.904
13	Burdock.....	".....	21	53	68	13	134	.903
14	Ganzell.....	Detroit.....	51	110	168	31	309	.899
15	Delehanty.....	Philadelphia.....	56	129	170	44	343	.871

## THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Nash.....	Boston.....	104	139	250	37	426	.913
2	Kuhne.....	Pittsburg.....	74	95	166	26	287	.909
3	McShannic.....	".....	26	39	49	9	97	.907
4	Burns.....	Chicago.....	134	194	273	49	516	.905
5	Denny.....	Indianapolis.....	96	158	214	44	416	.894
6	Mulvey.....	Philadelphia.....	99	87	174	32	293	.890
7	Whitney.....	New York.....	90	90	184	35	309	.886
8	Donnelly.....	Washington.....	117	126	230	51	407	.874
9	Sutton.....	Boston.....	27	32	47	13	92	.858
10	White.....	Detroit.....	125	146	244	65	455	.857
11	Ewing.....	New York.....	21	32	29	15	76	.802
12	Buckley.....	Indianapolis.....	21	17	28	12	57	.789
13	Cleveland.....	New York & Pitts'g.	40	27	57	23	107	.785

## SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Denny.....	Indianapolis.....	23	65	88	14	167	.916
2	Kuhne.....	Pittsburg.....	63	112	159	25	296	.915
	Smith.....	".....	74	90	246	37	373	.900
	Glasscock.....	Indianapolis.....	109	201	334	59	594	.900
3	Irwin.....	Philadelphia.....	121	204	374	64	642	.900
	Shock.....	Washington.....	52	84	168	28	280	.900
	Sutcliffe.....	Detroit.....	24	39	88	14	141	.900
4	Williamson.....	Chicago.....	132	120	375	62	557	.888
5	Wise.....	Boston.....	89	179	271	57	507	.887
6	Ray.....	".....	47	58	130	26	214	.878
7	Rowe.....	Detroit.....	105	133	312	72	517	.860
8	Irwin.....	Washington.....	27	54	87	23	164	.859
9	Ward.....	New York.....	122	185	331	86	602	.857
10	Fuller.....	Washington...	47	67	140	38	245	.845

## FIELDERS.

1	{ O'Rourke.....	New York.....	87	130	13	6	149	.959
	{ Tiernan.....	".....	113	174	16	8	198	.959
2	Glenn.....	Boston.....	19	42	2	2	46	.956
3	Sanders.....	Philadelphia.....	25	38	5	2	45	.955
4	Hornung.....	Boston.....	107	151	10	9	170	.947
5	Maul.....	Pittsburg.....	34	59	8	4	71	.943
6	Seery.....	Indianapolis.....	133	258	19	18	295	.939
7	Sunday.....	Pittsburg.....	119	292	27	21	340	.938
8	{ Campau.....	Detroit.....	70	101	10	8	119	.932
	{ McGeachy.....	Indianapolis.....	117	194	27	16	237	.932
9	Pettit.....	Chicago.....	43	46	8	4	58	.931
10	Fogarty.....	Philadelphia.....	116	239	26	20	285	.929
11	{ Sullivan.....	Chicago.....	75	114	13	10	137	.927
	{ Coleman.....	Pittsburg.....	90	160	20	14	194	.927
12	Slattery.....	New York.....	103	187	16	18	221	.918
	Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	108	230	7	21	258	.918
13	Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	32	58	7	6	71	.915
14	Daily.....	Washington.....	100	179	19	19	217	.912
15	{ Hines.....	Indianapolis.....	124	255	13	26	294	.911
	{ Delehanty.....	Philadelphia.....	17	28	3	3	34	.911
16	Duffy.....	Chicago.....	67	103	19	12	134	.910
17	Dalrymple.....	Pittsburg.....	57	80	9	9	98	.908
18	Wood.....	Philadelphia.....	103	175	15	20	210	.904
19	Andrews.....	".....	123	210	23	25	258	.903
20	{ Johnston.....	Boston.....	135	286	30	26	352	.897
	{ Hoy.....	Washington.....	136	296	26	37	359	.897
21	Brown.....	Boston.....	107	172	18	22	212	.886
22	Shock.....	Washington.....	35	59	7	8	74	.892
23	Fields.....	Pittsburg.....	29	49	6	7	62	.887
24	Twitchell.....	Detroit.....	129	195	13	27	235	.885
25	Farrell.....	Chicago.....	31	50	3	7	60	.883

FIELDERS' AVERAGES—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
26	Thompson .....	Detroit.....	55	86	4	12	102	.882
27	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	125	217	34	35	286	.877
28	{ Van Haltren.....	".....	54	73	9	12	94	.872
29	{ Wilmot.....	Washington.....	119	260	19	41	320	.872
30	Foster.....	New York.....	37	64	5	12	81	.851
31	Scheffler.....	Detroit.....	27	49	1	9	59	.847
32	Gore.....	New York.....	64	88	4	18	110	.836
33	Carroll.....	Pittsburg.....	38	45	2	10	57	.824
33	Kelly.....	Boston.....	31	28	4	12	44	.727

## CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	72	424	94	18	14	550	.941
2	Ganzell.....	".....	25	156	41	9	15	221	.891
3	Daily.....	Chicago.....	62	400	107	33	36	576	.880
4	Clements.....	Philadelphia.....	84	494	104	47	39	684	.874
5	Ewing.....	New York.....	78	480	143	35	65	723	.861
6	Wells.....	Detroit.....	16	96	25	11	9	141	.858
7	Myers.....	Indianapolis.....	46	211	63	21	27	322	.851
8	Fint.....	Chicago.....	22	96	42	11	14	163	.846
9	Mack.....	Washington.....	79	361	152	47	48	608	.843
10	{ Deasley.....	".....	31	177	60	20	25	282	.840
11	{ Murphy.....	New York.....	28	186	56	23	23	288	.840
12	Darling.....	Chicago.....	20	139	26	12	21	198	.833
13	Buckley.....	Indianapolis.....	48	213	60	31	28	332	.822
14	Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	68	268	76	35	48	427	.805
15	O'Rourke.....	Boston.....	20	89	37	17	14	157	.803
16	Tate.....	".....	40	188	64	43	19	314	.802
17	Kelly.....	".....	74	367	146	77	54	644	.796
18	Carroll.....	Pittsburg.....	53	265	58	37	46	408	.795
19	Daily.....	Indianapolis.....	42	215	69	34	41	359	.791
20	Brown.....	New York.....	17	134	24	19	26	203	.778
21	Farrell.....	Chicago.....	31	171	50	32	34	287	.770
22	Schriver.....	Philadelphia.....	27	148	39	28	29	244	.760
22	Arundel.....	Washington.....	16	63	16	15	21	115	.687

# PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat of Opponents.	Runs Scored by Opponents.	Ave. per Game.	Runs Earned by Opponents.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits Made by Opponents.	Percentage.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Wild Pitches.	Bases given opponents on called balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
Buffinton .....	Philadelphia..	44	1492	134	3.04	72	1.63	321	.215	31	322	10	12	62	437	.808
Baldwin.....	Chicago.....	28	960	125	4.46	65	2.32	233	.242	11	208	5	18	99	341	.642
Burdick.....	Indianapolis..	20	700	88	4.40	52	2.60	167	.238	14	87	5	14	44	164	.616
Boyle.....	".....	37	1294	181	4.89	90	2.43	317	.245	14	180	7	20	59	280	.692
Conway.....	Detroit.....	44	1508	168	3.82	84	1.91	315	.208	10	267	7	12	57	353	.784
Clarkson.....	Boston.....	53	1885	239	4.51	120	2.26	436	.231	24	351	22	37	119	553	.678
Casey.....	Philadelphia..	32	1141	153	4.78	86	2.69	296	.259	15	176	9	15	48	263	.726
Getzein.....	Detroit.....	45	1626	224	4.98	137	3.04	402	.247	29	276	16	24	52	397	.768
Gleason.....	Philadelphia..	23	791	106	4.61	57	2.48	200	.252	6	128	13	14	53	214	.626
Galvin.....	Pittsburg.....	50	1760	193	3.86	123	2.46	437	.248	23	224	10	11	58	326	.758
Gruber.....	Detroit.....	27	934	124	4.59	57	2.11	199	.213	4	121	8	14	42	189	.661
Healy.....	Indianapolis..	37	1326	204	5.51	128	3.46	357	.269	5	206	15	22	81	329	.641
Krock.....	Chicago.....	39	1294	143	3.66	74	1.89	293	.226	4	217	12	18	45	296	.746
Keefe.....	New York.....	50	1643	149	2.99	75	1.50	329	.200	29	410	17	24	86	566	.775
Madden.....	Boston.....	19	648	84	4.42	53	2.79	154	.237	4	95	4	8	28	139	.712
Morris.....	Pittsburg.....	54	1911	213	3.94	114	2.11	459	.240	20	240	8	17	70	355	.732
O'Day.....	Washington...	46	1545	215	4.67	108	2.34	374	.242	19	252	7	23	123	424	.639
Radbourne....	Boston.....	24	791	110	4.58	67	2.79	192	.242	14	104	6	9	44	177	.666
Shreve.....	Indianapolis..	35	1235	210	6.00	134	3.82	356	.2-8	7	173	16	31	94	321	.560
Sowders.....	Boston.....	35	1219	155	4.43	69	1.97	283	.232	23	192	8	16	71	310	.693
Staley.....	Pittsburg.....	24	774	103	4.29	58	2.41	186	.240	8	127	5	8	52	200	.675
Sanders.....	Philadelphia..	31	1097	113	3.64	57	1.84	247	.225	17	194	7	10	34	262	.805
Titcomb.....	New York.....	23	756	97	4.21	41	1.78	159	.210	1	157	8	9	48	223	.708
VanHaltren...	Chicago.....	27	967	160	5.92	81	3.00	264	.273	25	181	5	24	53	288	.715
Welch.....	New York.....	47	1592	156	3.32	80	1.70	330	.207	16	248	17	20	113	414	.637
Whitney.....	Washington...	39	1309	181	4.64	94	2.41	317	.242	24	145	11	10	60	250	.676

# BATTING AND FIELDING RECORD

Of Clubs, Members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs.

SEASON OF 1888.

Rank.	CLUB.	BATTING.										FIELDING.									
		Games Played.	Games Won.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	Runs Earned.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls and Wild Pitches.	Bases given Opponents on Called Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	New York.....	137	84	4751	659	4.81	334	2.44	1150	.242	1581	11.54	314	2.29	3633	2349	432	205	302	6921	.864
2	Chicago.....	135	*77	4616	734	5.43	441	3.26	1202	.260	1753	12.98	292	2.16	3549	2305	409	200	289	6752	.867
3	Philadelphia..	130	69	4496	535	4.11	272	2.09	1017	.236	1298	9.98	246	1.89	3469	2189	429	144	200	6431	.879
4	Boston.....	137	70	4835	669	4.88	355	2.59	1180	.244	1673	12.21	292	2.13	3652	2288	520	162	270	6892	.861
5	Detroit.....	134	68	4859	721	5.38	423	3.15	1268	.261	1724	12.86	192	1.43	3579	2172	474	128	181	6534	.880
6	Indianapolis..	137	+66	4678	531	3.87	308	2.27	1061	.226	1359	9.92	287	2.09	3581	2048	404	159	225	6421	.876
7	Pittsburg. ....	136	50	4626	600	4.41	269	1.97	1112	.240	1443	10.61	351	2.58	3545	2097	453	189	296	6580	.857
8	Washington...	136	48	4548	482	3.54	225	1.65	944	.207	1233	9.06	336	2.47	3497	2062	522	173	313	6567	.846

\*1 game forfeited to Philadelphia. +1 game forfeited to New York.

TIE GAMES.—New York 7, Chicago 1, Philadelphia 1, Boston 3, Detroit 3, Pittsburg 4, Indianapolis 1, Washington 2.

## THE VETERANS OF THE LEAGUE.

Those of the players who have taken part in League contests for not less than ten years are entitled to the honor of belonging to the ranks of the veterans of the League, and they include the following representative players, the majority of whom are now in League Clubs:

NAME.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.
Adrian C. Anson.....	13	1173	4904	1751	.357
James O'Rourke.....	13	1133	4832	1519	.314
James L. White.....	13	1101	4610	1439	.312
Paul Hines.....	13	1184	5112	1591	.311
E. B. Sutton.....	13	1607	4196	1216	.289
John F. Morrill.....	13	1194	4695	1253	.267
John J. Burdock.....	13	871	3584	911	.254
M. J. Kelly.....	11	1030	4870	1421	.325
A. Dalrymple.....	11	909	4041	1198	.296
Joseph Start.....	11	776	3366	995	.295
E. N. Williamson ..	11	1071	4163	1133	.274
Geo. F. Gore.....	10	836	3689	1157	.312
Hardy Richardson.....	10	910	3974	1230	.309
John W. Glasscock ..	10	952	3847	1089	.283
Chas. W. Bennett.....	10	709	2720	761	.279
Joseph Hornung.....	10	858	3706	988	.266
F. S. Flint.....	10	708	2759	669	.242
Jas. McCormick.....	10	499	1957	464	.237
D. W. Force.....	10	746	2873	598	.204

Of these Sutton, Dalrymple, Burdock and Force are in the service of minor League Clubs, while the retired players include Start and McCormick.

Those who have played for less than ten years and not less than seven include the following second class of veterans, the first class being limited to players who have a credit of a decade of service:

Dennis Brouthers.....	9	845	3578	1267	.354
Rodger Connor.....	9	943	3870	1309	.338
J. C. Rowe.....	9	827	3548	1067	.300
Geo. A. Wood.....	9	854	3677	1024	.278
M. C. Dorgan.....	9	860	2719	756	.277
Thomas Burns.....	9	900	3597	990	.275
Edwin Hanlon.....	9	893	3629	972	.267
Jno. M. Ward.....	9	1046	4403	1169	.265
A. A. Irwin.....	9	796	3136	796	.254
Jno. Farrell.....	9	729	3048	776	.254
M. Welch.....	9	491	1817	433	.238

NAME.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.
B. Gilligan .....	9	510	1848	380	.209
Jos. F. Galvin .....	9	521	2000	418	.208
Wm. Ewing .....	8	640	2708	812	.299
Fred Dunlap .....	8	707	2972	867	.292
P. Gillespie .....	8	703	2907	817	.278
Thomas York .....	8	566	2291	617	.269
Robert Ferguson .....	8	538	2209	596	.269
Jas. E. Whitney .....	8	525	2085	555	.266
Jeremiah Denny .....	8	824	3308	881	.263
Chas. Radbourn .....	8	530	2092	517	.247
George Shaffer .....	7	521	2137	602	.281
Sam W. Wise .....	7	698	2826	785	.277
Jno. E. Clapp .....	7	398	1688	465	.275
W. A. Purcell .....	7	500	2126	559	.261
J. P. Cassidy .....	7	416	1718	433	.252
J. J. Gerhardt .....	7	565	2182	489	.224
Geo. E. Weidman .....	7	338	1273	227	.174

Of the above Gillespie, Dorgan, Clapp, York, Ferguson and Cassidy have retired from field service.

One of the most interesting records of the games played in the professional arena during the past eighteen years of the existence, first of the old National Association from 1871 to 1875 inclusive, and then of the National League from 1876 to 1888 inclusive, is that of the contests each year between the rival Boston and Chicago clubs, the former winning the pennant in 1872, '73, '74, '75, '77 and '78, and also in 1883; while Chicago won it in 1876 and in 1880, '81, '82, '85 and '86. As a matter for interesting reference, we give below the full record of victories and defeats scored by the two clubs from 1871 to 1888 inclusive. The Chicago Club did not play in 1872 and 1873, having been burned out in the great fire of '71.

	1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.		1878.		1879.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Boston ..	22	10	39	8	43	16	52	18	71	8	39	31	31	17	30	19	49	20
Chicago..	20	9	...	...	...	...	27	31	30	37	52	14	18	30	—	30	44	32

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Boston ..	40	44	38	45	45	39	63	35	73	38	46	66	56	61	61	60	70	64
Chicago.	67	17	56	28	55	29	59	39	62	50	87	25	90	34	71	50	77	58

## THE LEAGUE'S PRESIDENT.

The close of the League campaign of 1888 saw the President of the League, Mr. N. E. Young, enter upon a new era in the history of his official duties, first as Secretary, then as President-Secretary, two positions he has so faithfully and efficiently filled since the organization of the League. Mr. Young was prominent in organizing the first professional National Association; and but for him Mr. Chadwick would not have been able to have carried out his project of dividing the baseball fraternity into the two officially recognized classes which he did when he started the first professional Association in 1871. From that year to 1875 inclusive, Mr. Young acted as Secretary of the old National Association, and when it was superseded by the National League in 1876 he was elected Secretary of the new organization, Mr. Bulkely, the present Governor of Connecticut, being the League's first President. Mr. Young was also Secretary under the Presidency of Mr. A. G. Mills, and when that gentleman resigned, the worthy Secretary was elected to the joint offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer of the League, and this position he has most capably filled ever since.

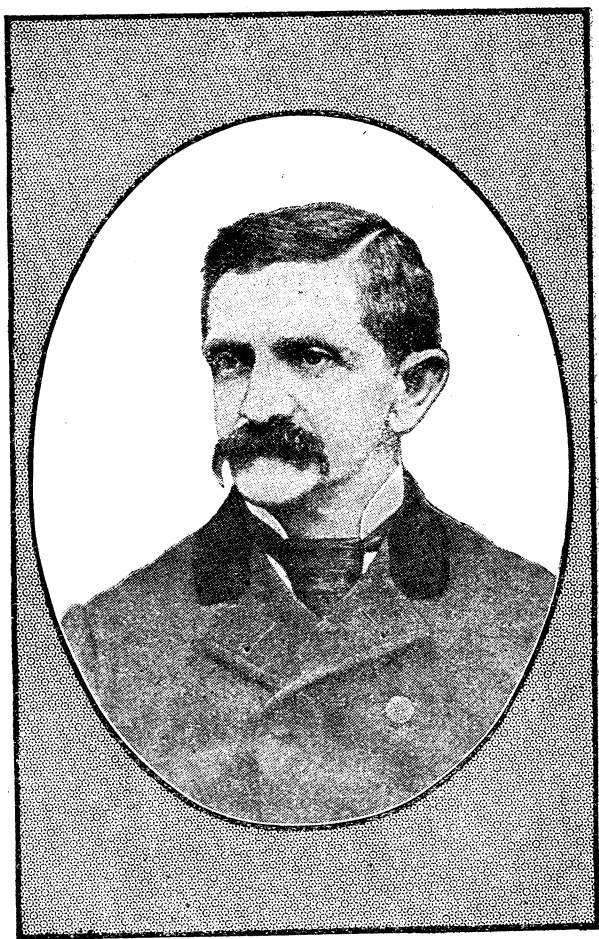
A Washington journalist has this well-merited compliment to say of the veteran:

"The rugged honesty of the League president is a matter with which those interested in base ball have long been familiar. His residence is in Washington, and he was for years a player and umpire, having all the ups and downs usual to their lot, but he is now in very comfortable circumstances. The duties of his office require a cool-headed man, able to do justice to all without fear or favor. It is singularly trying at times, but though the intense rivalry of the different clubs sometimes causes the managers to lose their heads and charge unfairness against the umpires, not a word has ever been said that would in any way compromise Nick Young. It is an honor and credit to the baseball magnates that they have such a man at the head of the League."

## THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE AND THEIR WORK.

The work accomplished by the Joint Rules Committee of the National League and the American Association at their meeting in New York in November, 1888, ranks with the best on record in the revision of the playing rules of the game, and the successful results achieved in improving the code was largely due to the marked efficiency evinced by the chairman of the Committee, Mr. Chas. H. Byrne, the president of the Brooklyn club, who was indefatigable in doing the large amount of revisory work which





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was thrown upon the committee. In the face of a very noisy and sensational demand for radical changes in the rules governing the game, the committee, as a whole, manifested a wise conservatism in several respects, which cannot help but be of material assistance in advancing the welfare of the game at large. In the first place, by reducing the powers of the attack nearer to an equality with those of the defence—which result was accomplished when they reduced the number of called balls from five to four—they not only adopted a rule which will moderate the dangerous speed in delivering the ball to the bat, but they thereby afforded the batsman an additional chance for more effective work at the bat. This latter point, too, has been aided by reducing the number of outs the batsman has hitherto been unfairly subjected to. The rule which puts batsmen out on catches of foul balls, which, since the game originated, has been an unfair rule of play, has seen its best day; and this year the entering wedge to its ultimate disappearance has been driven in, with the practical result of the repeal of the foul tip catch. This improvement, too, is in the line of aiding the batting side, as it gets rid of one of the numerous ways of putting the batsman out.

The argument brought to bear in favor of the elimination of outs from foul balls from the code was in the main as follows:

When the batsman hits a fair ball, while at the same time that he gives the fielders a chance to put him out, he himself is also given an equal chance of making a base or of scoring a run; but when he hits a foul ball, while he affords the fielders an opportunity to catch him out, no such compensating advantage is given him in the way of earning a base or a run as in the case of a fair hit ball; and it is in this that the working of the foul ball rule becomes so palpably unjust. It is sufficient punishment for hitting a foul ball that he, as batsman, be deprived of making a base, without adding the unjust penalty of an out. This one sided condition of things, too, is increased when a double play is made on the catch of a foul ball, for not only is the batsman unfairly punished, but also the base runner who may have made the base by a clean hit.

It is this latter unfair rule which the committee repealed in getting rid of the foul fly tip; and now a batsman who has earned his base by a safe hit and who runs to the next base on a foul fly tip ball caught by the catcher, can no longer be put out on the double play, as he is now allowed to return to the base he left on the hit, as in the case of a foul ball not caught.

Another step in advance was made by the committee when they officially recognized a sacrifice hit as a factor in team work at the bat. Hitherto far too great stress has been laid upon the alleged skill of the batsman in making extra hits—two and three baggers and home runs—at the cost of giving due credit to the batting

which forwards base runners and sends in runs. The work of the slugging batsman who, nearly every time he goes to the bat when no one is on the bases, makes an extra hit, does not compare with that of the team worker who either by a single base hit or a sacrifice hit forwards a runner round the bases, or sends a run in. Here is where the batting averages prove to be complete failures so far as affording a criterion of a batsman's value in team work is concerned; which work, by the way, is neither more nor less than that of forwarding base runners or sending runs in by batting—for one batsman may make four extra base hits in a game without forwarding a runner or sending in a run in a single instance, while another batsman may make but one safe hit and three sacrifice hits, and yet either forward as many runners or send in as many runs.

Probably the best piece of work done by the committee was the amendment they made to the rules governing the umpire, wherein, in defining the powers of an umpire to impose a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for abusive, threatening or improper language to the umpire, an amendment was made as follows:

"A repetition of the offence shall subject such player to a removal from the game, and the immediate substitution of another player then in uniform."

Lastly, the rule admitting of an extra substitute being allowed to play in the game, at the option of the captain of either of the contesting teams, though an experiment, gives promise of being a desirable amendment. The classifying of the code of rules so as to facilitate the finding of any special rule during the hurry of a contest in progress, was also a desirable improvement. Take it altogether, the present committee did excellent work at their Fall meeting of 1888.

### OVERRUNNING THE BASES.

Twenty odd years ago George Wright suggested to the Chairman of the old National Association's Committee of Rules that it would be a good plan to allow base runners to overrun first base, giving them the privilege to return and touch the base again without being put out, before attempting to make another base. The suggestion was adopted, and the rule went into effect in 1870, and it has been in operation ever since. When the amendment was presented at the convention of 1869, a delegate wanted the rule applied to all bases, but the majority preferred to test the experiment as proposed at first base. The rule of extending the overrunning to all the bases was advocated at the last meeting in 1888 of the Joint Committee of Rules, but it was not adopted. The rule is worthy of consideration, in view of the constant sprains and injuries of one kind and another arising from sliding to bases. There has not been a single instance of an injury occurring from

the working of the rule of overrunning first base since the rule was adopted, while serious injuries are of daily occurrence in match games, arising from collisions at other bases than first, and these are due entirely to the absence of the overrunning rule. The most irritating disputes caused by questions involved in sliding to bases and in running up against base players, are also due to the same cause. Why not put a stop to these injuries and these disputes by giving the base runner the same privileges in overrunning second, third and home bases that he now has in overrunning first base? In every way will the adoption of the rule suggested be an improvement, and not the least of its advantages will be its gain to base running, which is, next to fielding, the most attractive feature of our game.

### THE PATRONS OF BALL GROUNDS.

There are two classes of the patrons of professional baseball grounds which club Presidents and Directors have their choice in catering to for each season, and these are, first, the reputable class, who prefer to see the game played scientifically and by gentlemanly exemplars of the beauties of the game; and second, the hoodlum element, who revel in noisy coaching, "dirty ball playing," kicking against the umpires, and exciting disputes and rows in every inning. The Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston Clubs in the League have laid out nearly \$200,000 within the past two years in constructing their grounds for the express purpose of eliciting the very best patronage of their respective cities. The Brooklyn Club have excelled in this respect in the American Association by constructing their grounds for a similar class of patrons. But all of the clubs have not followed this example, the majority committing the blunder of considering only the tastes and requirements of the hoodlum class apparently in catering for patronage. This is a great financial mistake. Experience has shown conclusively that it pays best to cater solely for the best class of patronage. The work in doing this is so much more satisfactory for one thing, and it is sure to be the most remunerative. If there is any sport which yields a fair equivalent in the special attractions it presents for an admission fee of half a dollar, it is such ball playing as was exhibited during the past season on the grounds of the leading clubs of the National League. A feature of the attendance at the League games of 1888 was the presence of the fair sex in such goodly numbers. Where the ladies congregate as spectators of sports a refining influence is brought to bear which is valuable to the welfare of the game. Besides which, the patronage of ladies improves the character of the assemblages and helps to preserve the order without which first-class patronage cannot be obtained.